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# Fellowship Group captivated by treasures of St Illtud's

**THE April event of the Fellowship Group was a very interesting, guided tour of St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major.**

We were warmly welcomed by the Reverend Canon Edwin Counsell to the rebuilt and refurbished education centre in the Galilee Chapel.

Matthew James, our very well informed tour guide, proceeded to give us a fascinating account of the history of the 1,500 years of continuous worship and education at Llanilltud Fawr.

The members of the group were made aware of the significance of the church's beautiful, and unique, collection of carved Celtic stones which we viewed in the downstairs exhibition space.

In the main body of the church, the group members also enjoyed the carvings, wall paintings and ancient font, all brought to life by Mr James' excellent commentary.

As if this wasn't enough, we all then gathered at Brambles Cafe and enjoyed a superb afternoon cream tea together. A lovely day out was completed with everyone enjoying a slice of birthday cake celebrating Jean Comber's 97th birthday.

Why not come along and join us?

The group meets in the church hall, Llanblethian on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Contacts: Hazel Coates 01443 226412 or Georgina Magnay 01446 774335.

*Jean Comber's birthday cake.*

# MUSIC STUDENT SHOOTS PHYSIC GARDEN VIDEO

by PHILIP IRWIN

**A FORMER pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive School has just released a You Tube video, filmed in the Cowbridge Physic Garden.**

Asha Fletcher-Peters recently finished university and the song is based on a poem by Emily Dickinson that she memorised during her A-levels at Cowbridge.

Asha told The GEM: "The actress portraying Emily Dickinson and then herself in the video, is my best friend from school, Saskia Pay.

"We were in all the school plays together. Some people might remember us as Maria and Mother Abbess in the school production of *The Sound Of Music*.

"Saskia is currently studying her acting degree in the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA)."

Asha's singing during her time at school was in the main, operatic in style, but she has always embraced different styles and she says she is singing quite a bit of Rhythm and Blues at the moment.

Asha said: "The song was recorded in Bristol where I was at a university the British Institute of Modern Music (BIMM) studying Professional Musicianship with a disciplinary in songwriting. I graduated last year.

"It was produced with funding from the university at J&J studios by Jim Barr, who is the live bassist for Portishead!

"I self-released it in November after it was played on *BBC Introducing* by Adam Walton who said 'What an incredible voice'. It is available to download or stream from most music platforms."

Asha continued: "The production company Dakona is directed by Jamie Hunt, and his associate Ben Griffiths. We filmed some of it in my friend's garden, and the rest in Cowbridge Physic Garden."

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*Asha Fletcher-Peters and Saskia Pay.*

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## 'Gasification plant the has whiff of controversy'

**MAY I take up Diane Mitchell's point in last week's GEM Letters Page?**

Ladies of a certain age ask me, 'Are you a Barry boy?' and I have to answer 'no' – I have lived in other places and can compare Barry to them.

I lived happily in Swansea for 30 years and there never was even a whiff of the sort of controversy we have regarding the gasification facility/incinerator and the reason was quite simple. Swansea was run by the City and County of Swansea Council, which looked after the interests of Swansea.

Here we have a frequent conflict of interest between what is good for Barry and what suits the best interests of the wider Vale.

We can pretty well guarantee that when something comes up that is good for Barry, but will inconvenience the folks living in the outlying villages of the Vale, those councillors elected by the people who live in those outlying villages will vote against it, no matter how vital it might be for Barry.

Conversely, something like this gasification facility which might, in some way, benefit the wider Vale, the people of Barry will have it foisted on them, simply because Vale councillors who live in the outlying Vale outnumber those who actually live in Barry.

That is why in this particular instance it is so important that the people of Barry – who will have this on their doorsteps – have to fight their corner.

It is vital that everyone who lives in Barry and doesn't want it should formally object to Natural Resources Wales to persuade them to refuse to grant the all-important licence.

As I have said in The GEM previously, 'silence gives consent'.

**David Alexander, Barry.**

## 'LET CONSERVATIVES TAKE US OUT OF EU'

**I REFER to your Readers' Letters of April 13 – 'Britain is about to inflict self-harm.'**

How strange it is that John Howard Evans can be so wrong, when one looks how the Labour Party, over 18 years in power in Wales, has failed to allow Wales in all areas to show their true potential.

Nearly as bad as 13 years of Labour in overall Government of the UK and ousted, leaving the country near bankrupt.

It was probably worse than realised, as Gordon Brown as Chancellor of the Exchequer and Prime Minister, hid vast amounts of debt through PFI and PPP, financed through banks and financial institutions, which meant they were not included in Government figures.

Now is the time to support the Conservative Party to enable them to succeed in the EU negotiations and give them a chance to win and control the Welsh Assembly.

Might I suggest Mr Evans take Mr Corbyn, Nicola Sturgeon and Tim Farron and go and live in one of the EU countries he so respects.

**Barry Hoey, Bridgend.**

## Vote carefully to avoid 'sprawling suburbia'

**I HOPE there is a high turnout to vote at next Thursday's elections for the Vale Council (May 4) and that people carefully consider the person they are voting for, rather than just the political party.**

**I am yet to meet anyone who believes that the council's Local Development Plan has improved any community in the Vale.**

**The council seems to have worked alongside profit-hungry developers in deciding what will be demolished (eg the Media Centre at Culverhouse Cross), and built – with no regard for future generations, the environment or communities – and then informed us at so-called 'consultations'.**

**In return for the new housing developments and resulting traffic congestion, we get inefficient bus lanes on which very few bus services run and shared-use (foot and cycle) paths that other councils are now replacing.**

**Too few councillors have fought against turning the Vale into sprawling suburbia. Some of our extra housing need would be satisfied if there were fewer empty houses. A total of 1,318 houses stood empty in Cardiff and 26,500 in Wales in 2015/16, according to recent research by Shelter Cymru.**

**Here in the Vale, to achieve the council's house building target between April 2016 and 2026, developers will have to complete 3.1 houses per working day. In the meantime, tens of thousands of new dwellings are being built in Cardiff.**

**There are now plans to open a new quarry near Dinas Powys to provide building material, because large developers refuse to build using sustainable materials.**

**Where are the new parks, meeting places, social spaces, doctors' surgeries, classrooms and high quality sustainable transport choices?**

**Ian Perry, St Nicholas.**

## Open Day at Valley railway

**THE Garw Valley Railway (Rheilfordd cwm Garw) is holding a Spring Open Day, on May 29 , 10am to 3.30pm.**

There will be a chance to visit the Locomotive Works in the Old Station Yard at Pontycymer (CF32 8AZ). Car parking is available.

A spokesman said: "See the first track we have started to lay on the way down to Bryngarw, and also the new platform.

"Take the opportunity to ride on our miniature railway.

"There will be visiting stalls from local businesses and refreshments will be on sale. There will also be a raffle."

Garw Valley Railway is the trading style of the Bridgend Valleys Railway Company, a charitable company limited by guarantee.

It obtained a Transport and Works Order (the legislation granting powers to restore, maintain and operate a public railway) in 2000.

The aims and aspirations of the railway are the restoration of the railway and the support of the valley community and its economic success. It is associated with the Garw Valley Heritage Society.

For further information for this event, contact Peter Swinbank on (029) 2023 2216 or at *pete.the.lion@gmail.com*

**Peter Swinbank**
**Garw Valley Railway**

## 'Please – no more superiority from the Remoaners'

**JUST when I thought it safe to open The GEM again, what do I find?**

Yet another Remoaner sharing his superior knowledge with the rest of the world.

Please, no more.

**Gerald O'Sullivan, Bridgend.**

## 'JUST ONE CHIP' WAS A POOR OFFER

**ON Good Friday, myself and a friend had a lovely day out spent in historic Cowbridge.**

Everyone was so welcoming and we loved the Old Hall and gardens and the Physic Garden.

After a lot of walking (well, for me, as I'm disabled), we made our way to Waitrose to meet a friend and have a cup of tea. En route, there was a Big Issue vendor. A young woman shouted to him from her car: "Would you like a chip?"

At first, my heart expanded and I thought 'how nice'. She had realised these vendors do not make enough to eat after paying their rent and I thought she was going to give him the chips.

She walked towards him and I thought 'how kind', until she said: "Take one only".

I then gave him £1 to get his own.

Perhaps the lady meant well, but I did feel sad and uncomfortable, because as Big Issue vendors are working, they cannot access foodbanks. I do agree that giving food is preferable if you don't want to buy their magazine.

I thought your readers would like to know – apart from this one incident – what a lovely time we had.

**Jane Walker, Barry.**

## Local road closure will cause bus diversions

**DUE to the temporary closure of Eagleswell Road at its junction with Boverton Road in Boverton, there will be diversions to some Vale bus services.**

The 303 and 304 services that run between Bridgend, Barry and Cardiff will run direct via Le Pouliguen Way and Boverton Road, not via Eagleswell Road or Llanmaes Road.

Service X91, which operates between Llantwit Major and Cardiff will run via Le Pouliguen Way, Llanmaes Road and the bypass (B4265), not via Eagleswell Road, Boverton Road or Boverton.

Service 321, which runs between Llantwit Major, Cowbridge and Talbot Green is unaffected by the closure.

Normal service will resume as soon as the road reopens, which should be in around two weeks' time.

## *Increase in number using Vale Foodbank*

**The Vale Foodbank continues to provide emergency food support for people in the area.**

A total of 3,353 three-day emergency food supplies were given to local people in crisis by the Vale Foodbank in 2016-17 and over 1,230 of those went to children.

The top three reasons for Foodbank referral were low income (29 per cent), benefit delays (24 per cent) and benefit changes (21 per cent).

Latest statistics published by The Trussell Trust foodbank network show UK-wide foodbank figures are still not decreasing.

Over the last year, local people have donated 41,267 kg tonnes of food to the Vale Foodbank, and over 90 people volunteered.

Susan Lloyd-Selby, Foodbank coordinator, said: "It is deeply concerning that we are still seeing an increase in the number of three day emergency food supplies provided to local people in crisis in the Vale over the last year.

"Anybody could find themselves in need of the foodbank. Every week, people are referred to us after being hit by something unavoidable which means food is simply unaffordable.

"It really is only with the community's support that we're able to provide vital emergency help when it matters most, and we hope that one day there will be no need for us in the Vale. But until that day comes, we will continue to offer the best possible service to help local people facing a crisis.

"Thank you so much to everyone who already donates time, food and money to help local people. If you're not already involved, we'd love to hear from you!"

*Susan Lloyd-Selby can be reached on info@vale.foodbank.org.uk or on 07879 562077.*

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# 'Thank you' for tulips

**WE would like to convey our sincere thanks to Billy James for the glorious display of tulips in Cowbridge cemetery.**

Well done, Billy!

We very much appreciate your continued dedication and hard work.

**Bryan and Annette, Cowbridge.**

# U3A history group discovers fascinating places in London

**AUTHOR Rosemary Scadden made a return visit to Cowbridge U3A's history group recently to give an illustrated talk on the hidden places of London – those outside the familiar tourist destinations.**

It must be said that Rosemary is an organiser's dream speaker, as she brings and sets up her own equipment, with even a personal microphone system!

Her first visit to London was as a child with her mother in 1947, when the capital was filled with bomb sites, like so many British cities.

On her next trip, to the Festival of Britain in 1951, a goat pulled the ribbon out of her hair and ate it – Rosemary feared she was next on the menu!

Since then, she has spent many days and weeks in London investigating the less well-known sights and places, of which her talk gave the audience a flavour.

Not many were aware that there are streets in the square mile of the City called 'Poultry' and 'Hanging Sword Alley', or that the Bank of England has an interesting (and free) museum where you can lift up a gold ingot, or that there are the remains of a Roman amphitheatre in the basement of the Guildhall complex.

Close to St Paul's Cathedral is a bronze memorial to all the UK firefighters who have lost their lives in service (almost 1,200 names are inscribed on it), while nearer to the river is a small Christopher Wren church, St Benet's, which survived the Blitz essentially unscathed, like its famous neighbour.

In 1879 Queen Victoria granted the church to Welsh Anglicans for services and it continues as London's Metropolitan Welsh church, with services conducted in Welsh.

Not too far away is Postman's Park which contains the 'Memorial to Heroic Self Sacrifice', a shelter and long wall housing 53 ceramic tiles, each a commemoration of an ordinary person who died while saving the lives of others and who might otherwise be forgotten.

The church of St Michael Paternoster Royal is where, in 1423, Richard Whittington, the fabled Lord Mayor of London, was buried, although his tomb is now lost (the church was destroyed in the Great Fire of London of 1666 and then very badly damaged in 1944 when it was hit by a VI flying bomb). On the south wall of the rebuilt church, a stained glass window depicts 'Dick' Whittington with his equally famous black cat.

The four Inns of Court are near one another in central London and are the professional associations for barristers in England and Wales: all barristers must belong to one such association, which have supervisory and disciplinary functions over their members.

The Inns also provide libraries, dining facilities and professional accommodation. Each has a church or chapel attached to it too. The Inns harbour some of the most picturesque, least changed and historically fascinating places in London. Although the Inns appear to be private estates, visitors are normally welcome to walk around the precincts, although the buildings are only open for organised tours.

Hyde Park Corner and its environs are home to numerous monuments and war memorials, ranging from the Wellington Arch to the huge Royal Artillery edifice, and from the Bomber Command memorial to the 'Animals in War' monument with its inscription: 'They had no choice', which remembers the rôle played in conflicts by horses, mules, dogs, pigeons and even glow worms.

At the nearby Marble Arch there is a 10m tall sculpture of a horse's head, balanced on its nose, entitled: 'Still Water'.

There are some 20 subterranean rivers and streams in London, culverted over in the past during the city's expansion. An antiques shop near Oxford Street claims that the body of water, complete with goldfish, which can be seen in an open conduit in the basement of its premises, is part of the River Tyburn.

Another suggestion from Rosemary was to explore Little Venice and Regent's Canal, either on foot or by canal boat. On the Thames there are regular river cruises from Westminster Bridge to Greenwich or the Thames Barrier.

Visitors to London were recommended to consult Heritage Open Days, England's largest festival of history and culture, as on certain days entry is allowed into many buildings not usually open to the general public, such as the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Several companies offer guided walks in London, with themes such as Jack the Ripper, pubs or even the Beatles!

*As Samuel Johnson stated in 1777: "No, Sir, when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life". See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.*

**SM**

# What's happening at Cowbridge May Fair?

**WITH Cowbridge gearing itself up for the May Fair, on the Bear Field, May 1, the organisers, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major Lions Club, have issued an updated running order for events during the day.**

The full stage programme at the time of going to press is:

• 10am – 10.20 – Llantwit Ukuladies and Ukuladdies.

• 10.35am – 10.55 – Y Bont Faen School Choir.

• 11am – official opening.

• 11.15 – 11.45 – Patrick Sheppard, Christie Boxall and Lowri Morgan.

• 12 noon – 12.30 – Rock Choir.

• 12.45pm – 1.15– Stagecoach.

• 1.30pm – 2pm – Gareth and Caitlin,

• 2.15 – 3pm – Total Chaos (juniors and seniors).

• 3pm – 4pm – Band setting up/children's races

• 4pm – end – Rock 'n' Soul.

**FIELD EVENTS.**

• Maypole dances will be taking place all day.

• Bonny baby competition at 2pm.

• Tug of War competition at 2pm.

• Children's fun races from 3pm.

• The new Cowbridge bull run at 4pm.

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**STALLS**

A total of 23 stalls will be offering a wide variety of items, from home-made pickles to garden furniture, from tea and cakes to jewellery, and from organic veg to craft beers!

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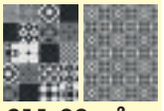
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# WI holds resolutions discussion

**THIS month's meeting of Bontfaen WI was a busy one, as there was the Resolutions debate and the AGM.**

A timetable for helpers at the May Fayre on the Bear Field on Bank Holiday Monday was arranged and members will be running a lucky dip stall for children at the fayre.

Sue Bradford Jones talked the group through the resolution 'Alleviating Loneliness'. She listed new mums, ethnic groups, people with mental health issues and the elderly as those affected. The vote was carried unanimously.

Anne Hordley told us about 'Microfibres' and how they affect the oceans. With synthetic fibres, small bits go through filter systems and eventually clog up the oceans. High end washing machine manufacturers are installing fine filters into their machines. The group wondered why water treatment works couldn't do the same. There were a lot of abstentions on this resolution, with a discretionary vote given to the delegate.

During the AGM, Mary Hopkins gave a full account of the group's year. She listed the speakers, social activities and the outings that had taken place.

Jan Riddell went through the financial statement which showed a healthy balance, so again members could offer a Denman bursary.

Margaret Price gave the president's address and mentioned Bontfaen WI winning an award for membership increases.

The Bontfaen cross stitch was unveiled, showing past presidents and group activities.

Jane Exell was the county organiser for the evening. Lynn Addison resigned as correspondence secretary and was replaced by Jacky Jones; Julia Wright won the Denman bursary and Margaret Price was re-elected as president for the last time.

**MP**

## History in Cowbridge

**COWBRIDGE History Society's final meeting of the season will be on Friday, May 5, at 7pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.**

It will begin with the society's annual general meeting. All members are urged to attend

This will be followed at 7.30pm by the last lecture this season, entitled 'History like teacher never taught!' by Phil Carradice

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# Asha's music video shot in Cowbridge

*Asha at work in the music studio.*

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Asha added: "I also have a three-track EP coming out in the next few months called, 'InnocencelExperiencelReflection' and it is being produced by another Cowbridge graduate – Sullie Burgess – alongside two others studying at the Atrium in Cardiff.

Asha's video, featuring Saskia as Emily Dickenson, can be watched on *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1v7vWj20ko*

Asha added: "I recommend people sign up to my mailing list/follow/subscribe for upcoming gig dates, new music, home videos etc, or via my Facebook page at *https://www.facebook.com/AshaJaneMusic*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL**

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### St Canna's Llangan annual coffee morning

**GO along to St Canna's Llangan on Saturday, May 6 between 10am and 12 noon and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with cake or savouries.**

It will be an opportunity to meet friends and neighbours. There will also be a variety of plants and local produce and home-made jams – entrance is free.

### Ruthyn Chapel

**FOR many years I have travelled towards Ruthin common, turning left at the Ruthyn Chapel. Each week I have seen the continued deterioration of the once-attractive building where local residents went for prayers.**

On a few occasions I have written of my concern, but although someone has promised (by telephone) that work would be carried out, the whole building has been left to rot.

Weeds are now trailing from the roof, the windows are non-existent. It is indeed a sad reflection of the non-care that now exists for these once-holy shrines.

### Young At Heart Club member

**CLUB member Mrs Jean Thomas is once again home at Treoes following her stay in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.**

# Elderly are targeted in council tax refund scam

**VALE residents are being warned about scams purportedly offering a council tax refund – with the elderly a particular target.**

A number of Vale pensioners have been called by two separate companies, who request payment in exchange for organising a reimbursement of council tax.

A Vale Council spokesperson said: "Residents are urged not to disclose bank account details or any other personal information if contacted by anyone offering such a service.

"They ask for bank account information for a one-off payment, which it is claimed will allow them to process a council tax refund."

Similar incidents were reported last year.

Anyone who is contacted in this way is asked to notify the police and the Vale Council, either by calling 01446 709456 or by emailing CouncilTax@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Guidance is also provided by Citizen's Advice Consumer Service. Their phone number is 03454 040506.

The spokesperson added: "We have been concerned to hear reports of a number of residents being contacted by individuals offering a refund on council tax in exchange for a fee.

"We must stress that under no circumstances should people disclose any personal information."

# CANCER CARE BOOST

**THE Llantwit Major Ladies' Bowls Club attended the lady captains' charity dinner which was held at St Athan Golf Club on March 24 and it was very well supported and enjoyed by all.**

A total of £200 was raised at this event for Breast Cancer Care.

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# Horse & Groom prove champion fundraisers!

*Landlord Robin Wilkinson (left) being presented with Champagne to mark the Horse & Groom's achievement.*

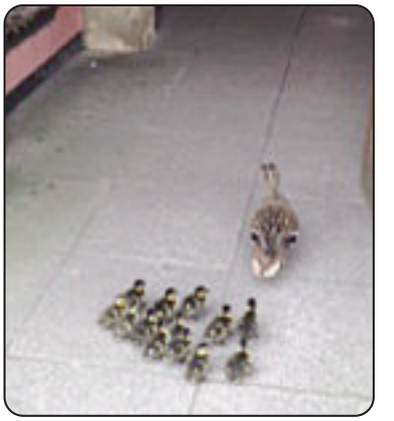
**THE Horse & Groom pub was the most successful in Cowbridge at raising funds for Marie Curie recently.**

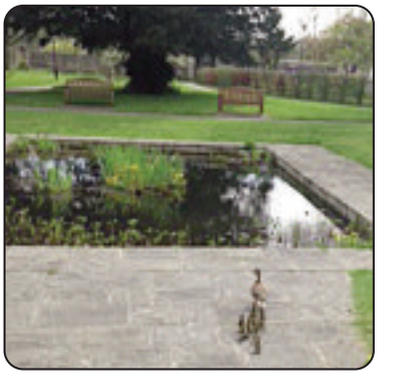
With the help of a raffle among their patrons, they raised £300 to help the Marie Curie Penarth Hospice.

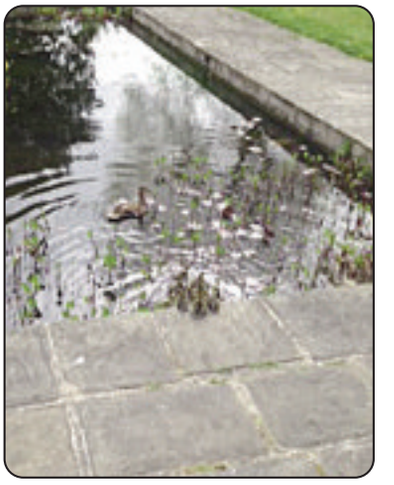
Marie Curie's next fundraising event will be a garden party in the Cowbridge Physic Garden on Friday, June 9.

**John Roberts, Chairman, Cowbridge Fundraising Group.**

# 'Follow me, I know the way!'







***The delightful sight of a mother duck and her baker's dozen of ducklings out for a stroll to the pond behind Cowbridge Community College is captured in these photos from Dale and Sally.***

# Second birthday party for Sophie... after children failed to turn up to first one!

**A BARRY seven-year-old will celebrate her birthday for the second time this Saturday, April 29, after only one little girl turned up to her first one.**

Mum Nicola Beer sent out 40 invitations for daughter Sophie's seventh birthday which was to be held at Buttrills Community Centre on April 9.

Nicola said: "We put up banners in the centre, had a disco planned and had done all the food.

"We had a few replies to invitations, and no one had messaged us to say they couldn't come.

"Only one little girl arrived and kindly dropped off a present, but couldn't stay."

Naturally it was a great disappointment for Sophie, and when people in Barry found out they wanted to do something to make it up to her.

Laura Shire, the owner of Laurz Frosties Cake Design, who supplied the original birthday cake, said: "I later found out that out of 40 invites no one turned up to her party.

"I thought this was heartbreaking she must have been so excited for this party. So I wrapped up a doll I had – Anna from *Frozen* – and sent it to her along with a card."

Laura explained what had happened on Facebook and local people decided to put on a second party for Sophie, and they're confident there will be a good turnout.

Nicola thanked Laura for her kindness and told The GEM: "We are going to have a party this Saturday at Barry Leisure Centre. The manager has said he'll do it for free including a disco.

"June Frayling Best has worked behind the scenes and companies like Dr Bob's, Morrison's and Tesco have made donations."

The party is being publicised on the Gladstone Road School site, and Nicola said people have been in touch sympathising with her and would be attending.

Nicola said: "It is overwhelming that people want to give Sophie a party and make her birthday special."

# *Property firms in Wales must adopt new technologies,* SAYS RICS

**DESPITE investments and advancements in technology, the RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) says the property sector and wider construction industry in Wales is still slow to take up such innovations which could create taller buildings, wider bridges, better transport systems and smarter, more liveable cities.**

Digital technology and tools are changing the way buildings are planned, built, maintained and used for the better, as such innovations have the power to design more creative developments that are more sustainable, less costly to run and serve their purpose better.

Julian Normansell, a spokesman for RICS on construction issues in Wales, said: "The diversity of professionals who contribute to a built project — including builders and masons – have been following the same methods with pretty much the same tools for generations.

"Many construction professionals are only interested in using building tools or materials to directly meet construction goals or reduce costs, rather than to apply technologies to improve the build process, or enhance the creativity of a project."

"However, if construction and real estate companies want to remain relevant and competitive, and deliver the homes and buildings we need, they must consider adapting their ways of working."

In recognition of the importance that technology companies have on all property sectors, including the construction industry, RICS recently launched a Technology Affiliate Program (TAP) to raise awareness of the tech firms who support the adoption of RICS standards and are actively helping to advance the property industry.

Speaking about the program, Dan Hughes, director of data products at RICS said: "Despite digital technologies rapidly changing how we do things, many organisations remain at an early stage of experimentation in their use of new technologies or data-driven systems.

"It is with this in mind that TAP aims to make industry professionals aware of the latest technologies that will advance their capabilities and help them create less costly, more attractive and sustainable homes, buildings and transport systems much quicker."

He added: "Being part of TAP shows both the commitment to the adoption of professional standards and of playing a role in developing the wider industry as technology becomes increasingly important."

*For more information on the RICS Technology Affiliate Program visit www.rics.org/proptech or email; techaffiliate@rics.org.*

# President Pat reflects on a rewarding year

*Immediate past president Pat, president Jackie and president-elect Mary Tornabene.*

**AT the recent AGM of Soroptimist International Barry and District, outgoing president Pat Salt thanked members for all their hard work and support.**

She said there had been too many highlights in her year of office to list them all but there were two events she particularly enjoyed and was proud of.

The first was the event to mark International Women's Day, held at Bryn Hafren School with the support and cooperation of the headmaster, staff and pupils.

The second was her charity lunch where guests were entertained by Llinos Jones, a young and extremely talented local singer.

Pat said: "Remember when she is famous – you saw her here first."

President Pat's main charity was the Malarchi Pooncholai Trust, a charity started by Carol Evans, a former colleague at Bryn Hafren, to support children living on or below the breadline in the Tamil Nadu area of southern India.

Pat was delighted to be able to present Carol with a cheque for £3,580.

Carol thanked the club and told members that a proportion of the money would be used to sponsor three children, ensuring they will be able to complete their education – an essential necessity if they are to escape the abject poverty into which they were born.

President Pat's final duty was to invest the incoming president, Jackie Memory, with the chain of office.

It is the second time that Jackie, a retired teacher, has served as president and she said how honoured she was to be carrying out this office during the year the club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Jackie's chosen charity is the Sam Davies Ward, a 23-bed rehabilitation Ward at Barry Hospital, the catchment area of which not only covers Barry but also Penarth, Sully and Dinas Powys, where the majority of members reside.

To find out more about the club visit *www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district*

*Members also give talks on the aims and objectives of Soroptimism to local groups.*

*If you are interested pleased contact us via our website.*

**CHRISTINE DRURY**

# *Barry Yacht Club man in Irish Sea 'true rowing race'*

**TONY Peters, a member of Barry Yacht Club Sea Rowing Section and a local coastguard, will take part in the Celtic Challenge – billed as 'the World's Longest True Rowing Race' – starting, weather permitting, on April 29.**

Tony, 59, will join a team of sea rowers from Aberystwyth to race from Arklow in County Wicklow in the Republic of Ireland to Aberystwyth, a distance of some 90 nautical miles

The race, which takes place every two years, is held in Celtic longboats. Each boat is about 24 feet long, has four fixed seats and one cox. Some 19 are expected to take part in this year's event.

Teams comprise 12 rowers, male or female, who take it in turns to row and spend time in between shifts on a support boat.

The Celtic Challenge usually starts in the afternoon with all teams rowing through the night and sometimes arriving in Aberystwyth early in the morning.

It is an extreme test of endurance and generally takes between 15 to 24 hours, though this depends to a large part on the weather and sea conditions.

Asked why he wanted to take part in the Celtic Challenge, Tony said: "Well, at 59, I am not getting any younger and it's one of those things to cross off my list!

"Thankfully, though, my fitness and stamina levels have been brought up to speed by crossfit training at Muscle Beach Gymnasium, Barry Island.

"It's going to be a great event. There should be around 19 boats taking part, and all the rowers are doing it for the challenge, and many of us for charity, too.

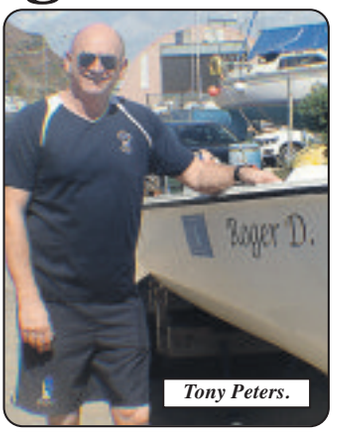
"I am doing it for the Mencap and for Alzheimer's research, and if anyone wants to, they can donate to my JustGiving page, on *www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tess-jones*

Tony promises to send in a report and photos after the challenge – when he has had a rest!

*For more information on the Celtic Challenge, including a real-time tracker, visit www.celtic-challenge.org.uk.*

*Barry Yacht Club Sea Rowers regularly take part in races around the Welsh Coast and social rowing in the evenings and weekends, rowing along the Glamorgan coastline in the club's Celtic longboats.*

*For further information and a 'taster row', send an email to secretary@barryyachtclub.co.uk.*



*Tony Peters.*

*The start and finish points of the Celtic Challenge, some 90 nautical miles apart.*

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# 'Planning and goodwill can change the Third World for the better'

**CAMPAIGNER Godfrey Knight, who for many years brought the plight of Haiti to Vale public's attention, is keen to highlight a new way in which people can support people in the Third World.**

Godfrey believes that voluntary donations collected via the council tax system might be an effective way of raising funds for countries in need.

He told The GEM: "Vale For Africa is a highly successful self funding charity. Founded by Jane Hutt, the charity focuses on sending optometrists to the Tororo district of Uganda (population 20,000) to fix people's eyes.

"In Uganda, one in ten pregnancies either ends in the death of the mother or the newborn baby. This is preventable.

"Bill Gates, who is chairman of Microsoft and co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has said that women in the developing world only have more than two or three children because they 'know' some are going to die.

"Mr Gates adds that if children in the developing world are inoculated against fatal diseases, the population actually falls and subsequently there is less pressure on the environment and pitiful family finances.

"A neighbour of mine remarked that he's worked in areas of the developing world where people haven't even seen money!"

Godfrey points out that the costs of helping people in needy countries are small.

"A measles injection costs around 15p. Rotavirus kills 500,000 children annually. The cost of an inoculation with a new drug recently became available cost £2.

"In 25 years, thanks to effective aid, polio has gone down by 99 per cent. Mr Gates comments that wiping a disease off the planet is very difficult but that it can be done.

"I've suggested to all sorts of people that, if council tax payers agreed to pay a voluntary variable supplement to their council tax, those of us living in the Vale could finance the inoculation of children living in the Tororo area of Uganda against fatal diseases.

"If we could successfully invoke this plan, then perhaps other areas in Great Britain could replicate the same inoculation plan throughout Uganda.

*Godfrey Knight.*

"We would set a precedent. What's to stop the rest of other European countries doing the same thing? All this could be achieved at grassroots level.

"Obviously, lots of council tax payers with sizable mortgages would not be in a position to subscribe. Older people who are mortgage-free, like my wife and I, might well want to contribute.

"With the council tax invoice would accompany a report in the form of a brochure explaining how we can literally transform the world for the better."

Godfrey has already discussed his ideas with local and national decision makers.

"Politicians to whom I've recently spoken have without exception been optimistic and helped to enlighten me.

"Ian Johnson (a Plaid councillor) was quitely optimistic and he remarked over a cup of coffee that donations could be Gift-aided.

"Alun Cairns explained that legislation might take in excess of two years to invoke. We can wait.

"Jane Hutt is going to write to the Ugandan Government to see what its health priorities are.

"The Reverend Blake Hemmings said that Bill Gates will often match donations to schemes like this, pound for pound.

"A retired consultant physician who is also a Methodist minister is also keen, remarking that this ultimately world-wide scheme could be successfully invoked but that 'we had to get it right'.

"Some vaccines might have to be kept refrigerated, possibly bought over here to eliminate any possibility of corruption. Innoculations have to be administered by local nurses. People can be iffy if they're skint.

"As luck would have it, the new drug that prevents Rotavirus doesn't need to be kept refrigerated.

"With a variable voluntary supplement our family might volunteer an extra £10 a month to our council tax? Some might volunteer more, others less.

"People in the developing world endure a relentless poverty that most of us can't even begin to understand, but for a small price a lot of us can go change things around."

Godfrey added: 'Bill Gates says: 'Stabilise the populations and economies take off.' It's a tragedy that drugs already available, often very cheap, are not being used to their maximum in much of the developing world."

# St Nicholas WI learns about 'Woody's Lodge'

**THE speaker at the April meeting was Dr David Trotman, chief operations officer at Woody's Lodge.**

Some three years ago, a small group of ex-servicemen were meeting in Penarth Pier Pavilion. From this, it was recognised that a place was needed for men and women who had served in the Armed Forces to socialise on a regular basis.

As the group grew, it was offered a house by the RNVR at HMS *Cambria* in Sully, which members refurbished with assistance from the MoD, local businesses, charities and other organisations.

Woody's Lodge, named in memory of Royal Marine Paul 'Woody' Woodland, a member of the Special Boat Service, now offers a place of welcome to all ex-service personnel (some recovering from PDSD) where they can socialise, keep fit, garden and take part in other therapeutic activities.

Most live in the Barry and Cardiff district with enquiries coming from Rhondda Cynon Taff while the Police and Fire Services are interested in the concept too. Plans are in place to open similar centres in Pembroke Dock and Caernarvon and indeed, in England.

Open for 48 weeks in the year and four days a week, Woody's Lodge has a board of trustees and has applied for charitable status.

Dr Trotman, whose career was in medical research, has used his time and gift of fundraising in an admirable way and our members found his address fascinating and extremely interesting.

Following refreshments, president Fran Mitchell dealt with the business part of the meeting. We voted on two resolutions: prevention of loneliness and the damage to ocean life by micro plastics.

Correspondence from county office was noted and numbers taken for the outing to Picton Castle in June.

It was announced that the annual meeting, with plant sale and a fish and chip supper would probably be the last meeting in St Nicholas church hall, which is being sold.

A new venue is being considered, but we WILL be meeting in the hall on Thursday, May 4 at the usual time of 7pm.

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# Music festival

**APRIL 9 saw the opening of Dinas Powys Music Festival with a performance by Dinas Powys Orchestra.**

A splendid start with a programme of Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, a concerto for two clarinets by Franz Krommer followed by Schubert's *5th Symphony*.

*Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, full of familiar, toe-tapping tunes, was played with style and flair. Under the baton of Antony Tarlton; clear cues and dynamic instruction gave this chamber piece, played by the full string section of the orchestra, a fine interpretation of Mozart's 'serenading'.

Franz Krommer's *Concerto for Two Clarinets* was played by Tiago Ferreira and David Dodd.

Ferreira, originally from Portugal, is the principal clarinet of the orchestra and David Dodd, a recent graduate from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, is the second clarinet of the orchestra.

Both play in the Impromptu Clarinet Quartet, a new ensemble based in Cardiff.

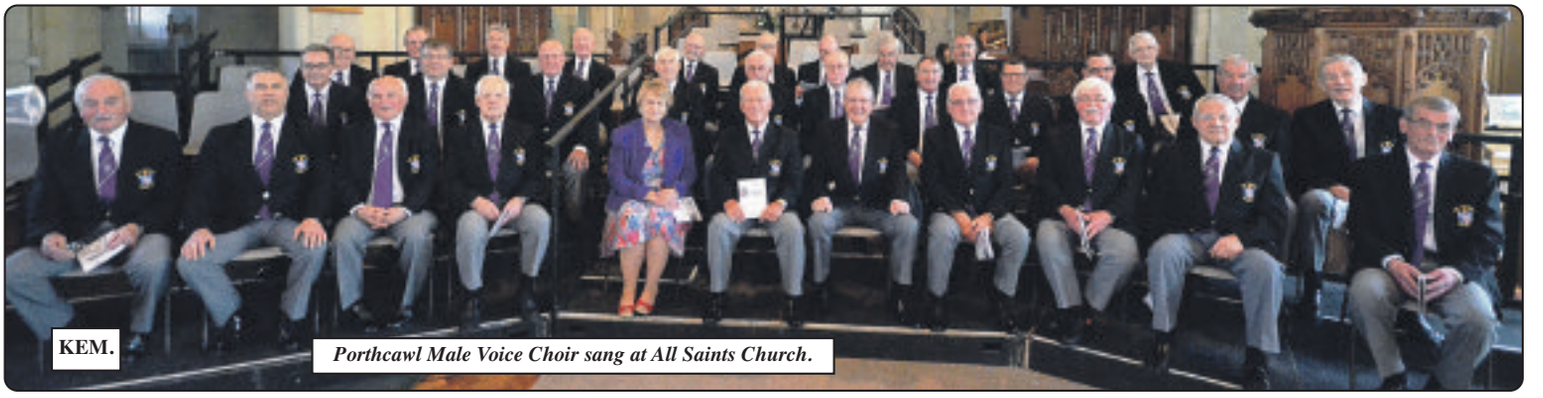
The 1st movement, full of quick runs and arpeggios was slick, the second movement gave a plaintive melody soon interrupted by a happy theme followed by a very 'dancy' rondo.

Schubert's *5th Symphony* was a great way to end this concert. Composed with a range from simple to complex harmonies, section work to full bodied playing showed what this orchestra can do, conducted and performed with the full range of nuances for which Schubert wrote.

A most enjoyable performance and a great way to open the Dinas Powys Music Festival.

**JO VOS**

# Seventy years on, the SS *Samtampa* tragedy is remembered in Porthcawl



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*Porthcawl Male Voice Choir sang at All Saints Church.*

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*'KEM' by Keith E Morgan.*
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*'RN' by Ian Stroud, Porthcawl RNLI*

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*ABOVE: The memorial plaque at Sker Point.*

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**IT was both a sombre and uplifting weekend in Porthcawl on April 22 and 23, as the town remembered a maritime tragedy that took place 70 years ago.**

A service was held at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, on the Saturday, and another at the memorial plaque on the rocks at Sker Point on Sunday in memory of those lost at Sker 70 years ago.

Porthcawl's combined rescue services, made up of the Porthcawl unit of UK Coastguard Agency, Porthcawl RNLI and Porthcawl Fire Service, together with members of Porthcawl Museum and the public, remembered the tragedy of the Liberty Ship SS *Samtampa* and the RNLI's The Mumbles lifeboat *Edward, Prince of Wales*.

Crews of both vessels, 47 in total, perished in a raging storm that swept up the Bristol Channel on April 23, 1947.

Spokesperson for Porthcawl RNLI, Ian Stroud said: "Both services were well attended, showing that even though it was 70 years ago, our town will not forget the tragedy that befell the crew of the *Samtampa* and the dedication of The Mumbles lifeboat crew who, in a brave effort to come to the rescue of the stricken vessel, all lost their lives too.

"As the tragedy was taking place, Porthcawl Coastguards lost their battle to effect a rescue of the crew of the *Samtampa* when all attempts to fire lines onto the stricken vessel failed – because of the severe gale that day.

"By contrast, it is almost impossible for us to imagine the conditions during that storm 70 years ago, especially standing at Sker on Sunday, when the sun shone, there was hardly any wind and the sea was flat calm.

"During the service at Sker Point, those on shore watched as The Mumbles current lifeboat led other lifeboats from Porthcawl and Port Talbot, together with a privately-owned Watson-class lifeboat and a flotilla of small boats to the area.

"As they stood off the rocky shore, wreaths were laid on the water by each lifeboat crew in memory of fellow sailors and lifeboat men who lost their lives."

The service was followed by a short dedication to a memorial that has been laid at the Prince of Wales, Kenfig by landlord Gareth Maund, in memory of the *Samtampa* tragedy.

Visiting Porthcawl for the services were relatives of men who perished on the *Samtampa*, in the main from the Middlesborough area, and relatives of the Mumbles lifeboat crew.

***For more photos of the day, see page 24.***

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*ABOVE: The Rev Canon Phillip Masson took the Service.*

# Many hands make light work at Lavernock Point

*The path before ...*

*... and after the work had been completed by the Prince's Trust team.*

**WORK to improve the surface of the coast path at Lavernock Point was undertaken ready for the busy Easter holiday.**

Valeways volunteer co-ordinator Rebecca Exley was approached by the Prince's Trust regarding undertaking some community work and liaised with the council's Public Rights of Way and Park Rangers teams, to identify a suitable project for the young volunteers.

The coast path at Lavernock contained some deep channels raising concerns about twisted ankles, but the path was too narrow to get machinery to it.

The Prince's Trust volunteers offered the perfect solution and shifted three tons of stone and stone dust to fill the channels and firm the path surface. The team worked for two days and delivered an excellent result.

Two other days were spent checking part of the Millennium Heritage Trail and undertaking a litter pick on Ogmore beach.

Rebecca said: "Valeways looks forward to working with the Prince's Trust in the future. This week has benefited everyone on so many levels."

*The grant from the Big Lottery Fund will enable Glamorgan Voluntary Services to co-ordinate Connected Carers by providing the overall management of the project.*

# 'Connected Carers' project to offer key support to people with lifelong conditions

**GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) has been awarded £259,202 by the Big Lottery Fund to lead a project across Cardiff and the Vale, in partnership with Cardiff and the Vale Parents' Federation and Touch Trust.**

The Connected Carers project will work with family carers of people with lifelong or life-limiting conditions. It will provide advice, information, training, support, opportunities for self-development and the chance to meet other carers in a variety of social networking settings.

The grant from the Big Lottery Fund will enable GVS to co-ordinate Connected Carers by providing the overall management of the project.

Cardiff and the Vale Parents' Federation will organise social gatherings enabling family carers to meet, to learn from each other and to share relevant experiences and information.

Touch Trust will provide Time For Me sessions where carers can choose from a range of activities such as hand, head or back massage, Reiki, reflexology, facials, have their nails painted or a haircut.

Carers will be able to meet at lunchtime to share knowledge and experiences.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### AM surgery

**VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery in Murchfield Hall, Dinas Powys, CF64 4QQ (from 10am-11am ) on Friday, April 28. No appointment is necessary.**

### Plant sale

**ON Saturday, April 29, the volunteers of Cowbridge Physic Garden will be holding a plant sale in Old Hall Gardens from 10am until 3pm.**

As well as 'home-grown' plants, local nurseries will also be selling potted plants.

### Cowbridge May Fair

**ON Bank Holiday Monday (May 1) on the Bear field from 10am to 5pm, a great family day out.**

Free entry; this is organised by Llantwit Major & Cowbridge Lions Club.

### Beach clean

**CALLING all volunteers! Help Friends of Barry Beaches clean the beach at the Knap on Bank Holiday Monday, May 1, meeting at 3pm at the Knap terrace car park.**

Bibs, bags and litter pickers are provided and all ages are welcome, but we ask that children are accompanied by an adult.

# Market loyalty is rewarded by the farmers

*First prize.*

*Second prize.*

*Third prize.*

**THE Easter draw for holders of the farmers' market loyalty cards, and the winners received their prizes, at the market at Cowbridge on April 15.**

Winners of the top prize were Peter and Jo Knapp, who received a hamper of produce from market manager Nigel Hunt of Drwytho.

Peter said: "We are so lucky to have such an excellent market in Cowbridge and we love to come every fortnight to choose from the great range of delicious local produce. We will thoroughly enjoy this fantastic hamper over the Easter weekend."

The second-prize winner was Brian Keylock, who chose a selection of Angus beef, and received his prize from market chairman Anne Loam of Tregwilym Produce.

Lindsay O'Garrol took the third prize.

Lindsay also chose Angus beef as her prize and received the rib of Beef from the man who bred and produced it, Richard Edwards of Pwllywrach Farm, Colwinston.

A spokesperson said: "The market producers would like to thank all of its regular and local customers for their support throughout the year.

"Keep filling in your loyalty cards; it may be yours that is drawn out in our summer draw.

"Anyone who has not yet found us, we are in Arthur Johns' car park on North Road on the first and third Saturday of every month. The next market in Cowbridge is on May 6.

"We also hold markets on the fourth Saturday of every month at Westbourne School, Penarth."

For more information, visit www.valefarmers market.com.

## 'Unusual Plants Fair'

**ON Sunday, May 7 from 10am – 4pm Cosmeston Lakes country park in Penarth (CF64 5UY) will host an Unusual Plants Fair.**

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| Wednesday 3rd May | **Thursday 4th May** |
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| Friday 5th May | **Saturday 6th May** |

The Waste and Recycling online calendars on the Council website have been amended to reflect these new collection dates.
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Mae Menter Bro Morgannwg wedi derbyn £10,000 gan Gronfa Dreftadaeth y Loteri (CDL) ar gyfer prosiect cyffrous 'Iolo ar Daith'; prosiect a fydd yn olrhain bywyd a chyfraniad un o ffigyrau hanesyddol mwyaf eiconig Bro Morgannwg, sef Iolo Morganwg.

Bydd y prosiect yn galluogi pobl o bob oed ddod i wybod mwy am gyfraniadau Iolo Morganwg – i Fro Morgannwg, Cymru a thu hwnt. Byddwn yn cyd-weithio gyda Mewn Cymeriad (www.mewncymeriad.cymru) i greu sioe deuluol i'w berfformio yn Gŵyl Fach y Fro 2017, gweithdy sgriptio gyda disgyblion Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg a sioe stand-up i oedolion yn rhan o raglen Gigs Bach y Fro, a bydd y prosiect hefyd yn cynnwys cyfres o sesiynau ymchwil, arddangosfeydd a darlithoedd.

Roedd Iolo yn enedigol o Lancarfan, ar gyffiniau'r Bontfaen, ac er iddo dreulio cyfnodau o'i fywyd yn teithio ar hyd a lled Cymru, Caint a Llundain, roedd ei ardal enedigol yn dal i fod yn bwysig iawn iddo a bu ei gartref parhaol yn Nhrefflemin tan fu farw.

Mae cofeb wedi ei osod y tu allan i'r adeilad lle bu Iolo'n rhedeg siop groser (sydd nawr yn siop Goffi Costa yn y Bontfaen), ac mae'r ysgol Gymraeg lleol wedi ei enwi ar ei ôl.

Roedd yn falch iawn o'r ffaith fod ei wreiddiau yn ddwfn ym Morgannwg, a chyfranodd ei ardal frodorol yn fawr at ei weledigaeth. Dyma bwnc unigryw sy'n cynnig nifer o haenau diddorol i'w hadrodd o fewn y prosiect.

Dan arweiniad Dr Dylan Foster Evans, mae'r prosiect yn ddibynnol ar waith ymchwil gan aelodau o'r gymuned, ac fe fydd y grŵp ymchwil yn cyfrannu at y broses o gasglu gwybodaeth ar gyfer byrddau arddangos, taflenni gwybodaeth a Chasgliad y Werin.

Wrth sôn am y dyfarniad, dywedodd Siân Lewis (Prif Weithredwr Menter Bro Morgannwg): "Rydym wrth ein bodd i fod wedi derbyn cefnogaeth Cronfa Dreftadaeth y Loteri ac yn hyderus y bydd y prosiect yn cynnig cyfleoedd unigryw i oedolion, plant a phobl ifanc lleol gymryd rhan a dysgu mwy am gyfraniad sylweddol Iolo Morganwg i ddiwylliant a threftadaeth Cymraeg Bro Morgannwg a Chymru."

*Os oes diddordeb gyda chi i wybod mwy am y prosiect a'r cyfleoedd sydd ar gael i chi gymryd rhan, cysylltwch gyda Ffion Rhisiart ar 029 2068 9888 / ffion@menterbromorgannwg.cymru*

## National Lottery support.

**MENTER Bro Morgannwg has received £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting project titled 'Iolo ar Daith'; a project which will delve into the life and work of one of the Vale of Glamorgan's most extraordinary historical figures, Iolo Morganwg.**

The project will enable people of all ages to learn more about Iolo Morganwg's contributions – to the Vale, Wales and beyond.

Menter Bro Morgannwg will work with the local drama company Mewn Cymeriad (www.mewncymeriad.cymru) to create a family-friendly show to be performed in Gŵyl Fach y Fro 2017, a scripting workshop with Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg pupils and a stand-up show for adults as part of the Gigs Bach y Fro programme.

The project will also include a series of research groups, exhibitions and lectures.

Iolo was born in Llancarfan and lived for most of his life in Flemingston, and although he spent periods of his life travelling Wales and south-east England, his home village remained important to him.

A memorial plaque has been placed outside the building where Iolo once ran a grocery store (which is now a Costa Coffee shop in Cowbridge), and the local Welsh medium primary school has been named after him.

As his bardic name suggests, he was very proud of his Glamorgan roots and this contributed greatly towards his work and vision. Iolo Morganwg was an influential and intriguing character, and his story has many facets to explore within this project.

Elements of the project depend on research by members of the community, and this research group, led by Dr Dylan Foster Evans, will work together to collate information for exhibition boards, flyers and the People's Collection Wales website.

Commenting on the award, Siân Lewis (Menter Bro Morgannwg chief executive) said: "We are thrilled to have received support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and are confident that this project will give adults, children and young people experiences and opportunities to take part in an exciting project, and to learn more about Iolo Morganwg's substantial contribution to Welsh culture and heritage in the Vale of Glamorgan and Wales."

*If you would like to know more about the project and the various opportunities to take part, contact Ffion Rhisiart on 029 2068 9888 / ffion@menterbromorgannwg.cymru*

# CHOIR RAISES AWARENESS OF CARE AND REPAIR CYMRU

**PORTHKERRY Community Choir entertained the people at Barry library on April 21 as part of an awareness-raising day by Care and Repair Cymru (www.careandrepair.org.uk/en/).**

Care and Repair provides services for elderly people who own their own homes, but may not have the means to keep them maintained.

Also helping to raise awareness were the Barry Hookers and the Barry Knitters who have 'yarn bombed' the outdoor area of the library. The sheep and lambs especially enjoyed our performance!

*Porthkerry Community Choir at Barry Library. Photograph by Jon Ratigan.*

# Tarmac lays out details of new apprenticeship

**TARMAC'S Aberthaw cement plant is to recruit a mechanical apprentice and is urging local youngsters to apply for the place on its apprenticeship scheme.**

This is the second year that the plant has offered apprenticeships and the new recruit will join three other apprentices at the site.

The role will involve working as part of the maintenance team and supporting the smooth running of the plant.

The new role presents an exciting opportunity for a local individual with the determination and drive to succeed, while learning with the support of the company and its employees.

The successful applicant will split their time of the four-year training scheme between on-the-job learning and time in college – with all training paid for.

They will undertake the service and repair of Tarmac on-site equipment under the supervision of assigned mentors.

Aberthaw Cement plant manager, Chris Bradbury, said: "We're delighted to be able to offer this exciting opportunity to a talented local youngster to become an apprentice with Tarmac, and to learn while they earn. Recruiting the next generation and training them to achieve career success is crucial to our business."

James Rowlands (23) from Rhoose, joined Aberthaw cement plant as an apprentice electrician and is currently in the second year of a four-year apprenticeship.

He said: "The mix of classroom learning and hands-on experience is great – I love every minute of it.

"This apprenticeship has given me a career and a trade that will serve me for life."

*For further information and to apply, visit www.tarmaccareers.com/jobs/1572/. Applications will close on May 5.*

# Students-to-be can apply for local grants

**LOCAL students who are leaving (or have left) school and are continuing their education are currently able to apply for a grant from one of three local charities for each year of their studies.**

The Cowbridge Institute Educational Trust and the Evan Jenkins Charity support applicants who are under 25 years of age, while Cowbridge with Llanblethian United Charities may help those over 25.

Applicants must live within the qualifying area agreed with the Charity Commission, though students may attend schools outside the Cowbridge area.

Applications are not means-tested.

For Cowbridge Institute Educational Trust and Cowbridge with Llanblethian United Charities this is the Town Council area of Cowbridge with Llanblethian. The Evan Jenkins Charity covers the old parishes of Llanblethian and Ystradowen, which include the villages of Trerhyngyll and Aberthin.

Applications are also welcome from local groups or organisations.

*Application forms can be obtained on request by email, geoffrey.cox@dsl.pipex.com or by hard copy from outside 27 St John's Close, Cowbridge, CF71 7HN.*

The trustees will meet in late November to consider applications and students need to provide evidence of acceptance on their course.

*Cowbridge Institute Educational Trust are currently seeking to employ a secretary. Please contact Sue.Cox@dsl.pipex.com*

# Computer help

**IF you are new to a computer or tablet and want advice on how to use it, Digital Champions from Newydd Housing Association and the Vale of Glamorgan Council have set up free and friendly drop-in sessions across the Vale to help you get online.**

Improve your current skills, look for a job, shop online, keep in touch with family and friends, and much more.

No appointment is needed. Equipment is provided or bring your own. Sessions are held every Thursday from 10am – 12pm at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Call 01446 732385 for further information or just come along.

Each Friday from 10.30am to 12pm Action on Hearing will be at the Senior Health Shop to offer help on using the internet etc.

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# A new chief executive at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

**CARDIFF and Vale University Health Board (UHB) has announced the appointment of Len Richards as the new chief executive officer.**

Mr Richards is currently the deputy chief executive for South Australia Health, which is a State Government Department of Health based in Adelaide.

The department has responsibility for the planning, commissioning and service delivery of the public health system in Adelaide, south Australia. He is expected to start in his new post on June 19.

The board says he has a strong track record in leading large complex NHS organisations in the UK. He moved to Australia in 2013; however, his leadership skills were developed during 26 years with the National Health Service in Great Britain.

Mr Richards has supported staff to deliver a range of significant improvements and achievements throughout his career and more recently to the Central Queensland and south Australia communities.

Chair of Cardiff and Vale UHB, Maria Battle, said: "I am delighted that Len is joining us at Cardiff and Vale. He brings a broad international and UK-wide NHS-based experience which we are very much looking forward to utilising.

"Len's focus on leadership, performance delivery and finance is a key factor in the appointment but he also has a strong community focus, is interested in people and has a desire to work with staff and patients to make their health services better.

"The board and I consider this combination to be the ideal choice for Cardiff and Vale UHB in supporting us in the challenging times that we and other NHS providers are facing."

She continued: "It is the strength, dedication and commitment of our leaders that enable us to face those challenges and serve our communities; not only in Cardiff and Vale but across Wales."

*Len Richards.*

Mr Richards said: "I am very much looking forward to working across a whole integrated health system in Wales and the current challenges that it brings.

"My NHS experience is vast, and it is some of the innovative and groundbreaking work which I have delivered across complex health systems that I will bring to Cardiff and Vale UHB.

"My first few months will be spent getting to grips with understanding the systems in place and meeting many of the people, who I can already see are doing a sterling job.

"However, with leadership comes responsibility, and there is a lot of hard work to do to secure the Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP), focus on finance and performance and enable staff to continue to deliver great services."

He concluded by saying: "I am very much looking forward to coming back home to the UK and Wales in particular."

# 'Traces' app brings St Fagans alive

**FOR nearly 70 years, thousands of people have visited St Fagans National History Museum and now they can experience something different thanks to a new storytelling app.**

'Traces' takes participants on a physical journey around the St Fagans castle gardens, moving from fact to fiction, past and present.

The 'Traces' project is a partnership between Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales, Cardiff University, and yello brick, a creative marketing and 'street gaming' company based in Cardiff Bay.

The bilingual app ('Olion' in the Welsh language version) created for visitors to experience either on their own or in pairs, has a duration of 30 minutes and is split into four different chapters. Based on archive material from the museum's collection, the story focuses on characters who might have lived and experienced the castle and grounds in the early 20th century.

The trail can be experienced at any time during the normal opening hours of the St Fagans site.

*Two visitors making the most of the 'Traces' app.*

Dafydd James, head of digital media, Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales, said: "We are delighted to offer visitors to the museum something different. This artistic interpretation challenges visitors to experience St Fagans in a new way. It's an opportunity to switch off from the hustle and bustle of daily life and enjoy the narration in the relaxing surroundings of the historic castle gardens. We hope it captures the visitors' imaginations."

Dr Jenny Kidd, senior lecturer, School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies, Cardiff University, said: "The public's interest and trust in museums and heritage sites, and their affection for places like St Fagans, continues to be very high. Traces/Olion offers a unique opportunity for visitors to try something different.

"We are interested in the potential of such heritage encounters to seed new kinds of relationships between people and place."

Visitors will need a set of headphones and a mobile device optimised for the latest operating system for Apple and Android.

The Traces app can be downloaded from either the ITunes Store or Google Play. It is recommended to download the app, which is free of charge, before arriving at St Fagans.

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# 'Low-income families' to benefit from new school uniform fund

**THE Welsh Government has earmarked £700,000 of funding to assist families on low incomes with the purchase of school uniforms for for the new financial year.**

The grant is available to pupils in year-7 of maintained schools in Wales , to pupils in special schools, special needs resource bases and pupil referral units who are aged 11 at the start of the school year and are eligible for free school meals.

Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies is raising awareness of this financial assistance with his constituents and said: "I encourage families on a low income who feel they may be eligible for this funding to make enquiries. The purchase of school uniforms can be quite costly, particularly for large families.

"This funding reflects the Welsh Government's continued commitment to closing the 'achievement gap' between pupils from our most deprived communities and those from more prosperous areas."

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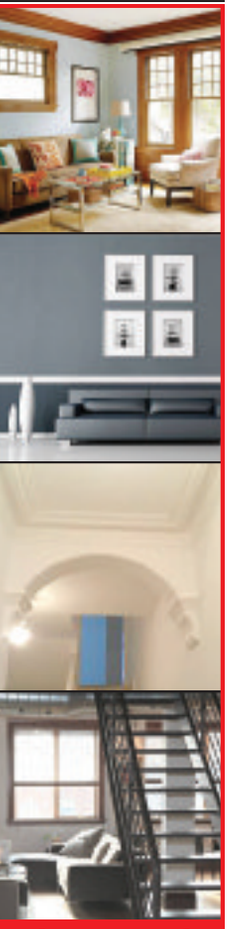
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# Marie Curie's Penarth shop staff delighted with new makeover

**THE Marie Curie Shop in Penarth has re-opened on Friday having received a major style makeover.**

Staff and volunteers were joined by Marie Curie day therapy patient Lorrainne Castellano and community fundraiser Hannah Leckie to unveil the new-look shop, which focuses on quality 'preloved' items including well-cared-for clothing, accessories and homeware.

The charity is urging shoppers in Penarth to be among the first to visit and pick up a stylish bargain in the process.

Money raised at the shop will help Marie Curie nurses to care for more people in their own homes and ensure that the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth can continue to offer round-the-clock specialist care – £20 spent in the shop will pay for an hour of expert care from a Marie Curie Nurse.

The shop is also asking people to 'Swap Clutter for Care' by having a clear-out at home and donating items.

The shop's manager, Penny Attwood, said: "We're delighted with our makeover, so now we're encouraging people in Penarth to visit the shop and plan their own fashion and home makeovers!"

Jane Bartrum was presented with a bouquet to celebrate 15 years of volunteering at the shop for Marie Curie, while Pat Lannon – who volunteers at the shop aged 88 – was also given flowers to mark the occasion.

Penny said: "We're currently looking for volunteer cover managers to join such a happy team to help us with the relaunch and move forward with our new store. No experience is required and full training will be given."

Lorrainne Castellano, day therapy patient at the Penarth hospice, said: "A small thing, like picking up a dress at one of their shops or donating items to be sold, really does contribute directly to the care that local families and people like me receive from nurses in the community and at the hospice."

*To find out more about volunteering positions, contact Penny Attwood at the store on 029 2070 6690.*

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# New Barry base for local credit union

*Jane Hutt AM and Chrissie Williams at the Cardiff and Vale Credit Union in Barry.*

**WITH Welsh Government funding, the Barry branch of Cardiff and Vale Credit Union is moving to new premises on Holton Road on May 2.**

Jane Hutt AM met the Vale Credit Union team leader Chrissie Williams to congratulate the Vale team for securing £9,300 towards the cost of the move to 174 Holton Road, and welcome extra Welsh Government funding for the school savers clubs – which now include Cadoxton Primary, Barry Island and Ysgol y Ddraig in Llantwit Major.

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# Out & About with The GEM

# Wartime film isn't quite Their Finest – BUT IT'S CERTAINLY ENJOYABLE!

**WORLD War Two won't be far from the minds of cinema goers, with Christopher Nolan's eagerly-anticipated *Dunkirk* being released in July. However, another film that deals with the events at Dunkirk, and no doubt filmed on a far smaller budget, is Lone Scherfig's *Their Finest*.**

It stars Gemma Arterton as Catrin, a secretary by trade who is appointed as the scriptwriter for propaganda films designed to keep British morale and spirit up. She teams up with another scriptwriter, Buckley (Sam Claflin), and actor Ambrose Hilliard (Bill Nighy) to make a film about Dunkirk and the evacuation of troops but, as you may imagine, it doesn't all proceed to plan...

*Their Finest* is a film that is, at its core, a film about the war effort behind the scenes, the people who didn't battle on the front lines but were at the heart of the battle for, as modern parlance would have it, the 'hearts and minds' of a nation.

Yet there is also a message about the notion of female empowerment; how women stepped up to the plate in the country's hour of need and how the men who were left behind viewed them. As a female character succinctly puts it: "A lot of men are scared we won't go back into our boxes when this is all over".

If it all smacks of a film that is hard-hitting then you would be half right – the cost and impact of war is never far away, but leavened by some nice touches and a warmth of humour it makes for enjoyable, if a touch predictable, viewing.

Director Lone Scherfig's preoccupation with British values and lives has peppered her work despite her Danish roots, and here she tackles the war period. It's a film that visually is low-key, subtly directed and focused primarily on the performances, a tactic that smacks of being described as (in the film reviewer's cliché handbook) a Sunday evening TV film.

But Scherfig is a canny director and uses the screen, and the cast, to full effect, to really bring the times to life, and while visually the air of Nazi menace and the impact is never far away, she fares a little less well corralling Gaby Chiappe's screenplay into something filmic.

**by GARETH JAMIESON**
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The key themes are established early on, but Chiappe fails to really deliver on the weight of the story. Plot points that should bubble to the surface are left undercooked, characters (particularly the female ones) given little colour by the script when you would hope for more.

There is plenty to be said about women's roles and the burgeoning desire to 'get out of the box', the treatment they received at the hands of some men (Catrin's husband, a penniless artist, ignores her when she says she can pay for the rent on their flat). The script addresses these elements piecemeal and unsatisfactorily, most notably Rachel Stirling's script editor whose sexuality is thrown away in a jokey one-liner rather than being explored in detail.

The performances are good, Gemma Arterton doing a good job of handling a Welsh accent but having to cede to the limitations the script places on her character, while her rapport with Sam Claflin's Buckley plays out nicely. The stand-out, however, is Bill Nighy, who has great fun as the pretentious Hilliard, sending up the notion of serious actors and providing much of the film's laughter as only he can.

So while the film is an entertaining watch, there is something of a missed opportunity in conveying the thematic weight of the story elements into something a little more substantial.

As it is, *Their Finest* is perfectly diverting and easy to watch, but under Lone Scherfig's stewardship you would have expected – and hoped for – a bit more weight to proceedings.

**VERDICT:** A serviceable story that offers humour and emotion, *Their Finest* is a solid offering that fumbles some story elements that could have given the film a little more depth. While its script lacks refinement, you'll still have a good time watching a decent cast (with Bill Nighy ever so watchable) tackle this war film. *Enjoyable*.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Dad's Army* (2016), *An Education* (2009).

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# Vale for Africa charity concert

**CITY Voices Cardiff Choir will perform a charity concert for Vale for Africa in Bradenstoke Hall at St Donat's Castle on Sunday, May 14, and all proceeds will go to the Vale for Africa Atlantic College Student Scholarship Fund.**

The scholarship enables a student from Tororo District in Uganda to come to Wales for two years to study at the college.

Vale for Africa Chair Gareth Kiddie said: "We are unique among Wales Africa projects in being able to provide this kind of support for a student from our link community. We place great value on it."

The gates to St Donat's Tudor gardens open at 1.30pm.

Guests are invited to bring a picnic and enjoy the garden in this most spectacular of Glamorgan settings with its sea views.

The concert will start at 3pm in Bradenstoke Hall. City Voices Cardiff will be supported by students of UWC Atlantic College Music Department.

*Tickets are £17.50 each and are available from St Donats Arts Centre; email: boxofffice@stdonats.com or call the box office on 01446 799100.*

# WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

## Cowbridge Art Society

**ON Thursday, April 27 Cowbridge Art Society welcomes lecturer Eleanor Bird who will give an illustrated talk on 'Sonia Delsuney and the Modernists'.**

On Thursday, May 4 there will be a demonstration of oil painting techniques by Chepstow artist and teacher Matthew Williams (*www.mattwilliamsartist.com*).

Both are making their first visits to CAS and we look to fresh perspectives on our understanding of art history and of more practical techniques in painting.

*We meet on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm – 9 pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.*

## Choral society

**COWBRIDGE Choral Society resumes rehearsals on April 27 after the Easter break. They will begin work on Verdi's *Requiem* ready for a performance with Pontypridd Choral Society in the autumn.**

This is a good opportunity for anyone who is interested in joining the Choral Society to start at the beginning of a new work – experience is not essential.

Rehearsals take place at the United Free Church, Westgate Street (opposite the Police Station) at 7.30pm on Thursdays.

## Trading Standards advice

**IF you have a problem to related to Trading Standards, you can chat to a member of the Cardiff and Vale Trading Standards team at Age Connects' advice session on Tuesday, May 2 from 10am to 12pm.**

This will be held at the Senior Health Shop at 38 Holton Road, Barry and no appointment is needed.

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## Photographic exhibition

**THE Welsh Photographic Federation (www.thewpf.co.uk) will hold its annual Salon of Photography at Maesteg sports centre and library from May 4 to 25.**

There will be over 300 images on display: 150 prints and 150 projected images. These have been selected from over 1,000 images submitted by members of Welsh photographic clubs and represent the very best work by Welsh photographers.

Entry to the exhibition is free and open to everyone.

## Motets and Madrigals

**A CONCERT of sacred and secular music, mostly from the 15th and 16th centuries, will be held at St Peter's Church in Old Cogan, Sully Road (CF64 2TQ) on May 5 at 7.30pm.**

The Beaupre Singers will perform, conducted by Edward Evans. Tickets £10 from the parish administrator at All Saints' Church in Victoria Square, Penarth; further information on 02920 703170.

This concert will raise funds to help conserve what is probably the oldest building in Penarth and district (complete with its 1,000 year old tree).

## Laleston Gardening Club

**THE club will hold their annual plant sale and coffee morning on Saturday, May 6 from 10am at Cliff Cottage. There will be a huge variety of both floral and vegetable plants to choose from and 6,000 quality plants. Cars can be parked at the Laleston Inn.**

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# Accolade for Cardiff residential home

**A care home in Cardiff has been named in the Top 20 Recommended Care Homes in Wales for 2017 by a leading UK care home website.**

**Tŷ Llandaff, a luxury 'all inclusive', nursing, residential and respite care in Pontcanna, has been included in the list by *carehome.co.uk* based on postal cards and website submissions completed by either residents or family members.**

**Tŷ Llandaff in Conway Road, which only opened in December, and has the ability to accommodate people for nursing or residential care from the age of 18, has a perfect 10 score.**

**All reviewers rated Tŷ Llandaff as 'excellent' and 'extremely likely' to recommend the care home.**

**This month, a resident submitted a review saying: "Tŷ Llandaff is a wonderful place to stay. The staff are very kind and look after you very well. It is clean with excellent food."**

*Janice Evans with the award.*

**A family member wrote: "The care and attention my father has received at Tŷ Llandaff has been exceptional. He has stayed at a few other care homes but Tŷ Llandaff is far superior in all aspects – the care, the attentive staff; the food is prepared by an in-house chef, the bedrooms and living areas. It's a first class, wonderful environment."**

**Another added: "The care in this home is second to none. The staff are so attentive and nothing is too much trouble. They are very pleasant, with a light-hearted atmosphere.**

**"The meals cannot be faulted. My mother has nothing but praise for the chef. All the rooms are light and airy and the cleanliness is excellent."**

**Tŷ Llandaff care home manager Janice Evans said: "We are naturally delighted to be ranked in the top 20 recommended care homes out of the more than 1,000 care homes which are listed on *carehome.co.uk* for Wales.**

**"We have only been open a short while and all the staff have worked very hard. This is a fabulous endorsement for everybody at Tŷ Llandaff."**

***For more information about Tŷ Llandaff call Janice on 02920 600100, email info@tyllandaffcare.com or visit www.tyllandaffcare.com***

# BARRY MORRISONS STORE OFFERS GARDENERS FREE COFFEE GROUNDS

**FROM this week, Morrisons Barry will give away used coffee grounds from its in-store café to local gardeners to help fertilise their plants.**

Barry's gardeners can get the used coffee grounds by visiting the Morrisons store on Heol Ceiniog, and picking up a bag located on a dedicated stand within its café. There will be no limit to the number of bags available to each gardener to take away.

Used coffee grounds are a source of nitrogen, which is needed by plants in order to grow. They also encourage the growth of micro-organisms and are thought to attract earthworms.

Christian Oreschnick, store manager at Morrisons Barry said: "Used coffee grounds are a great organic resource which gardeners can use in their composter or soil. We sell a lot of cups of coffee in our stores and don't like to see anything going to waste – so it's great to see this natural fertiliser going to a good home. We hope that when spring comes Barry's plants will be in full bloom as a result!"

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*The centre is open Monday to Sunday, 11am to 3pm, and until 6.30pm on Wednesdays.*

## *Bingo at Rhoose*

***RHOOSE Community Hall in Stewart Road is the venue for the monthly bingo afternoon on Saturday, April 29.***

*Doors will open at 1.45pm for a 2.30pm start. At the half time break there will be light refreshments and the usual raffle. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon.*

## *Cadoxton Spiritualists*

***CADOXTON Christian Spiritual Church, Kenilworth Road is opening for healing on Friday mornings starting on May 5 from 10am to 12pm.***

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# BRYNHILL GOLF CLUB

# There are so many plus points to playing your golf in Brynhill – a club that plans for the future and knows where it is going!

**BRYNHILL (Barry) Golf Club has often been described by visitors as 'The Hidden Jewel in the Vale'.**

This picturesque 18-hole course, measuring 6,500 yards and with four par fives is a testing, but enjoyable course, with wonderful views across the Vale.

The greens staff have completed a winter programme that includes new tees, improved drainage and removal and trimming of trees, making the course more enjoyable to play.

Work has also included additions and improvements to paths, and come next winter, there will be a nine-hole short course available, enabling players who require a buggy to be able to play golf all year round.

It is hoped that the course will have a full 18-hole buggy path within the next 18 months.

We are proud to announce that the club is hosting the Welsh Deaf Open in May 2017, and the prestigious ladies area finals of the GUW Medal and Challenge Bowls in June 2018, a major competition in the Ladies GUW calendar

Brynhill has produced some excellent golfers who have gone on to play on the European tour and represented their country.

They include Stephen Dodd, Kyron Sullivan, Calvin O'Carroll and Iestyn Taylor. Stephen Dodd currently plays on the Senior Tour and he has recently won the seniors Italian Open.

His past victories on the European Tour include the Volvo China Open and the Nissan Irish Open. He also won the World Pairs Championship in Portugal with Bradley Dredge.

Calvin O'Carroll and Kyron Sullivan have now regained their amateur status and have both rejoined Brynhill, the club where they both started their careers as juniors.

Kyron writes: "Brynhill golf club gave me a great foundation for my successful professional golfing career. Growing up as a junior at Brynhill, the club provided many opportunities and I developed many life skills along the way.

"These attributes included great sportsmanship, camaraderie and the etiquette of golf. It was a fun, friendly and competitive junior section which produced many role models for myself, including several County, Welsh and British Amateur Champions.

"These players inspired me and helped me achieve my own ambitions of competing on the European Tour. Brynhill had a thriving and competitive junior section which we intend to re-create and emulate in the next few years in developing more local golfing stars."

**PGA PROFESSIONAL**

Matthew Owen, Brynhill Golf club's Head PGA professional has nearly 15 years of experience working in all aspects of the golf industry.

Matthew offers many different services at Brynhill, including coaching, custom fitting, club repairs and a fully-stocked professional shop with all the latest brands and equipment at competitive prices – with a price match guarantee.

Some of the leading brands to be found in store include, Titleist, Ping, FootJoy, Under Armour and Nike.

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***ABOVE:***
***As the picture shows, Brynhill Golf Club is an attractive club in itself, but it also enjoys great views of the rolling hills and downs of the Vale countryside.***


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*Approaching the 19th hole at Brynhill.*

*The greens staff has recently completed work on the course to enhance player satisfaction.*

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Matthew has been coaching golf for nearly 15 years, ranging from beginners to fellow professionals and strives to help people to improve every part of their game and give the best possible feedback during lessons and custom fitting.

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For any more enquiries regarding coaching, custom fitting, equipment and club repairs, or to book a golf lesson, please don't hesitate to contact Matthew at the professional shop on 01446 720277.

The club has strong sections for ladies and seniors, and they are always happy to welcome experienced players and those who are new to golf.

The ladies, in particular, schedule a steady stream of competitions and social events that give the members plenty of opportunity to kep active – even during the winter months.

The club also boasts strong first, second and Wayfarers teams, who compete against clubs throughout Wales.

**FIRST TEAM TRIUMPH IN SPAIN**

Our First Team recently qualified for the final of the Mail on Sunday Trophy. The competition started with 3,000 teams from throughout the UK.

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Mike Underdown, the current club Captain states that "I have been a member of Brynhill for just over 10 years and if I did not play golf here then I would not play golf anywhere else.

"If it is competition or social golf you are looking for, then Brynhill is the place to be. We are very proud of how well new members are accepted by all, and they appear to settle in here very quickly."

The clubhouse facilities at Brynhill are second to none.

The bar area has been refurbished and is now a modern sports bar, with three large screen TVs.

The club shows golf, football and rugby fixtures, with reduced price drinks on International days.

The lounge area has also been refurbished and is suitable and available for club functions, weddings, parties etc.

Social events held at the club include comedy nights, quizzes, murder mysteries and the very popular 'Old Record Club' held on bank holidays.

The dining facilities at the club are excellent with chef Mark Dommett and his team providing a first-class dining experience.

Everything from bar meals to buffets and full dinners are available and the Sunday lunch experience, open to non members, is legendary.

Captain Mike adds: "The hard-working committee at Brynhill has set itself a three-year development plan to improve the clubhouse facilities and the course itself.

"Refurbishment of the men's locker room is first on the agenda, with new flooring, heating and shower facilities to be installed.

"We are also keen to develop the junior section which has in the past produced so many great players. Junior membership for 11-15 year olds is free (subject to terms and conditions).

"We want Brynhill to be a club where you enjoy a great game of golf and enjoy a relaxed social experience.

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*ABOVE: Members of the Adam Elliot team, with Peter Adamec (far left) and Steven Elliot Tuck (centre).*

**IT'S quite an accolade for a three-year-old business to find itself featured in one of Britain's top homes magazines – but that is what has happened to Adam Elliot Bespoke Furniture and Kitchens.**

Having said that, the Vale Business Park-based operation has far more than three years of experience to draw on – three years simply marks the date that Peter Adamec and Steven Elliot Tuck went into partnership.

Peter has been in the bespoke furniture business for 35 years, while Steven was with Jeremy Davies for four years – giving them a valuable mix of experience.

When The GEM called in to their smart showroom and workshop, pride of place was given to the May 2017 edition of *25 Beautiful Homes* (it is already out) which features a spectacular kitchen that Adam Elliot has installed in Chiswick.

Peter and Steven are delighted with the national recognition, of course, but they are also delighted because it illustrates perfectly what Adam Elliot offers and aspires to.

Peter said: "When we received the original email enquiry, Steven happened to be in the London area, and he was able to explain what we offer."

Adam Elliot pride themselves on their individuality and on really taking time to make sure that their customers get exactly what they want. The Chiswick commission was a prime example.

Peter said: "Once Steven and the owners had settled on what they wanted, we kept them informed throughout the construction process.

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Cassian Wright from Gravells Kia Bridgend commented: "At Gravells Kia Bridgend we are really excited to offer the brand new Kia *Picanto* to our customers in south Wales.

"The *Picanto* has been one of strongest models in the Kia range for a number of years and we are very excited to reveal the latest generation. We know our customers will love the new technology, as well as a more practical and stylish interior so we are looking forward to seeing motorists in south Wales come down to Bridgend for a test drive!"

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# Welsh tourism figures show improvement

**FIGURES showing a rise in the number of people using guest houses, bed and breakfasts, self catering units and hostels in Wales over the last year have been welcomed by Economy and Infrastructure Secretary, Ken Skates.**

The Economy Secretary was responding to the latest Wales Tourism Accommodation occupancy statistics, which show that room occupancy for guest houses and bed and breakfasts in Wales between March 2016 and February 2017 stood at 40 per cent, a two percentage point increase on the previous 12 months.

Meanwhile occupancy rates for self catering units increased by four percentage points in the same period to 55 per cent, while hostel bed space increased by three percentage points to 51 per cent.

At 67 per cent the occupancy rate for hotel rooms was the highest of all but down slightly on the figures for the previous 12 months.

Ken Skates said: "These latest occupancy statistics show a strong picture for tourism in Wales, and continue to reflect the success we have experienced over the last two years."

# Business awards deadline looms

**THIS year's South Wales Business awards are being held at the Bear Hotel on Wednesday, June 14.**

Applications for the awards have been coming in since April 3 and the closing date is May 19, with nominations being announced on May 22.

An application pack and information guide still can be downloaded from the awards site - southwalesbusinessawards.co.uk - where categories and entry criteria can also be found. However, in case of difficulty feel free to e-mail info@ws-marketing.co.uk, and they'll be happy to send a form to you.

All completed applications should be sent to info@ws-marketing.co.uk or WS Marketing, 14 Vale Court, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7ES (*please note: hard copies of applications forms cannot be returned*).

# Giant dog's boost

**LOOK at any business's strategy for boosting sales, positive PR and community engagement and you probably wouldn't expect it to include a pack of huge fibreglass dogs.**

Dozens of south Wales's top firms have signed up to sponsor a Snowdog sculpture as part of a mass-participation public art trail which is getting tails wagging across the region.

'Snowdogs: Tails in Wales' has more than 40 individually-designed sculptures displayed around the streets, iconic venues and open spaces of Cardiff and the Vale for 10 weeks this autumn.

The event, run by Wild in Art and children's hospice charity Tŷ Hafan, is forecast to attract hundreds of thousands of people onto the trail, providing a boost to the local economy and showcasing all the region has to offer.

It will also raise much-needed funds to support life-limited children, young people and their families at the Sully-based children's hospice and in communities throughout Wales, with the auction of the sculptures after the trail set to raise thousands of pounds.

*For more information visit www.snowdogstailsin.wales or contact Sara Webber on 029 2053 2252 or 07791 054 162 or at snowdogs@tyhafan.org.*

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| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Removal of internal load bearing wall |
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# Respect and remembrance mark the 70th anniversary of the *Samtampa* tragedy

*ABOVE: The Rev Dr Duncan Walker took the Service at Sker Point on the Sinday. (Photo by David Swidenbank).*

*ABOVE and BELOW: At the Service in All Saints Church, Porthcawl. (Photos by Keith E Morgan).*

*Photo by Keith E Morgan.*

*Porthcawl remembered the 70th anniversary of the tragedy of the SS Samtanected C, where 47 men lost their lives, with a church service on Saturday, April 22, and Service at Sker Point, the site of the disaster, on the Sunday.*

# Llantwit Major reach East District Cup final

**LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC last week reached the final of the Welsh Rugby Union East District Cup competition as they beat Taffs Well 51-42 in a quite remarkable semi-final clash played out in Cardiff at the neutral venue of Hailey Park, the home of Llandaff North.**

Also being played on an adjacent pitch was the other semi final between Dinas Powys and Cowbridge. With the advent for some time now of the National League structure and its accompanied three-tiered cup competition, some may say that tournaments like the East District Cup and the Glamorgan Silver Ball have been devalued in their appeal.

Well there may be some weight to that argument but try telling that to the two teams who battled for every blade of grass in this game; and the large crowd who on a glorious Wednesday evening were thoroughly entertained with tries galore and true cup excitement right up to the final whistle.

Llantwit lined up with three changes from their last game against Cowbridge with captain and hooker Huw Williams not available versatile prop Alex Bloomfield moved across the front row and was joined by Damon Gardner-Ponting at prop. Elsewhere Donovan Stoppel came into the back row and Rory Budina returned to the fold at full back after a few months sabbatical.

The game didn't start well for Llantwit as they failed to receive the ball from the kick off as it bobbled through several pairs of hands before Taffs Well took control and drove forward.

Their scrum half quickly taking advantage of some poor defending to snipe forward and they soon crossed for a converted try to put Llantwit seven points down literally from the kick off. This left some wondering as they were playing a side a full division higher than them in the league that this was going to be a bit of a mismatch.

However Llantwit soon brushed this off as some good gains in territory allowed Tom Winter to supply good line out ball which was quickly put through the three quarters only to be spilled, but Rhys Balmont covering from the opposite wing was soon on hand to pick up and with a lovely weighted pass released his fellow wing Luke Dawes who had far too much gas for the covering defence and raced over in the corner for an unconverted try.

Taffs Well though soon extended their lead with a penalty for offside before Llantwit drew level with a great individual try by outside half Josh Austin. After some good driving from the pack from another Tom Winter line out, Llantwit were camped on the Taffs Well try line and as the ball reached Austin without many options out wide took it on himself and instead of using his normal quick feet he bulldozed his way over, converted by scrum half Iestyn Jones.

Llantwit were well into their stride by now and looking to release their three quarters as often as they possibly could. The next try though coming from a period of pressure from Taffs Well as they put in a big up and under kick.

It was well marked by Balmont in his 22, which he quickly took to himself and raced off, eventually being hauled down by the ten metre line, some great support in the subsequent ruck allowed quick ball to be released to fullback Budina who on seeing Taffs Well defence in tatters backed his pace and headed straight for the posts, going under from over forty metres out, again converted by Jones.

Taffs Well though kept themselves in sight of Llantwit with another penalty from the kick off before more pressure from Llantwit put them back on their opponents line and quick ball allowed flanker Gareth Watts to charge over in the corner for an unconverted try. The Llantwit supporters only had time to draw a quick breath before they were cheering the next try as centre Wise Vakacegu raced away along the opposite touch line to also go over in the corner.

With the score now at 29-13 and five tries scored and still a quarter of an hour until the break it was of course time for the Llantonians to implode as they received not one but two consecutive yellow cards for lack of verbal and tackle discipline.

Taffs Well naturally took advantage as they crossed for a converted try just before the break and in doing so brought themselves right back into the game at 29-23.

With Llantwit still reduced to 14 men they couldn't have had a better start to the second half as they seized on a spilled ball from the kick off and spurred on by strong runs from forwards Donovan Stoppel and Geraint David had the try line at their beckoning.

The old head of lock Shaun Shea then made the hard yards to tie in defenders before the ball was whisked across the back line for centre Jack Austin to crash through for a well worked try.

Taffs Well were soon though taking advantage of their numerical ascendency as some good forward drives allowed them to cross out wide which they again converted.

With Llantwit now back to 15 men the game stagnated briefly as both sides battled for territory which was broken when the ascendency was again gifted to Taffs Well as ridiculously Llantwit were shown a third yellow card this time for a dangerous tackle.

Taffs Well took no time to cross again for another converted try and with it took the lead for the first time since early in the first half at 34-35. A nervy ending then awaited the Llantwit supporters but they didn't have to wait long to calm their nerves as some early pressure from the kick off saw prop Damian Gardner Ponting go on a trademark crashing run through the defence to score another unconverted try.

Llantwit were now rampaging forward at every opportunity to try and put the tie to bed none more so than number eight Rob Carter who on driving from the back of a maul made good yards and a quick ruck saw the ball put out to wing Dawes for him to race off down the touchline for a fine individual effort, but again the try was not converted so Taffs Well were given yet another lifeline.

They duly responded as their big powerful fullback crossed and with the conversion brought the score back to 44-42 with just minutes remaining on the clock.

Llantwit, you would have thought, now would have just looked to keep Taffs Well away from their line and grind out the remaining minutes - but this new adventurous team were having none of that and some pressure saw some lovely interchanging running and again Dawes was released to finally put the result in no doubt as he rounded the defence and raced behind the posts for a converted try.

The final whistle soon to be heard to bring this breathtaking game to a final conclusion.

A great win then for Llantwit scoring nine tries despite playing for 30 minutes with 14 men and their kickers having a terrible day at the office.

It was a great team performance with making hard ground before going wide and support play being the keys to their success. Taffs Well must also be congratulated for their part in such an exciting game coming back into the game time and time again boosted by a top draw display of place kicking.

You may think with all the running being made that perhaps this was a poor defensive game, but that couldn't be further from the truth as this was a tough contest at the tackle area, which was not for the faint hearted.

Llantwit would also like to thank the match officials for their part in this great game as they clearly refereed the game in the spirit of attacking rugby.

Llantwit's opponents in the cup final will be the holders Dinas Powys as they won the other semi final beating Cowbridge 33-7.

Llantwit will clearly be the underdogs by some distance going into the final as Dinas Powys sit at the top of their league, some two divisions higher than the Llantonians.

But if Llantwit play with only a part of the same adventure shown in this game it will certainly be worth watching. The final will be played at the Cardiff Metropolitan University Ground, Cyncoed Campus, Cardiff at 7.15pm on Tuesday, May 2.

The team bus will be leaving the Clubhouse at 5pm, supporters are welcome to travel with the team to book your place please contact Michael Edwards on 07747706387.

*Llantwit Major RFC would also like to thank local builder David Liscombe for his continued sponsorship of the team.*

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# Cowbridge bowlers start season in style!

**COWBRIDGE Bowling Club members were able to take advantage of the fine April weather and early practice sessions both both the ladies and the men have proved beneficial.**

Cowbridge teams played at home in four friendlies and won all four.

On Tuesday, April 18, the ladies welcomed Llantrisant. This was a fine match with Cowbridge winning on two of the three rinks and losing on one. In total there was only three shot difference between the teams, the final score Cowbridge 50, Llantrisant 47.

On Wednesday, April 19, in a mixed match, the Penarth Rectory Road club were the visitors. All six rinks were occupied - Cowbridge won on five of them and lost on one, the final score Cowbridge 116, Penarth 59.

The following day the ladies were able to show strength in depth by choosing almost a different team to entertain the Rumney Gardens team from Cardiff.

Captain Lynda Wilson also brought Tina Payne into the team for her first game. Although one rink was drawn Cowbridge had good results on the other two, the final score Cowbridge 50, Rumney Gardens 25.

The men had a Saturday game against Gelligaled team from the Rhondda. Gelligaled have risen through the Cardiff Leagues in recent years and have used their own carpet green well to gain promotion year on year.

Our carpet green would be to their liking, and Cowbridge won on two rinks, lost narrowly on one and drew on one but there was an overall shot difference in Cowbridge's favour of 16.

Captain Gerry Lloyd was pleased to introduce two new players (Terry Foley and John Wathes) into the team for this match; the final score was Cowbridge 63, Gelligaled 47.

It has not all been bowls however - earlier in the month there was a Samantha B fashion show at the club.

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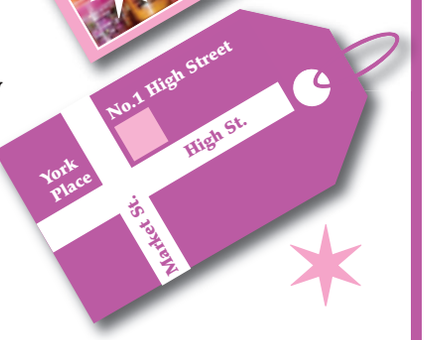

# Absolute archery beginners add another string to their bows

**CAERAU Dragon Bowmen archery club is running the first of this year's beginner's courses starting on May 2 for five weeks.**

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The next course will commence at their club at St Richard Gwyn High School in Barry on May 2 (ending on May 30).

Lessons will run from 7pm to 8pm, outdoors if weather permits. All necessary equipment will be provided during your lessons.

Cost for the full course of five lessons is £45, payable in advance of the start date to secure your place.

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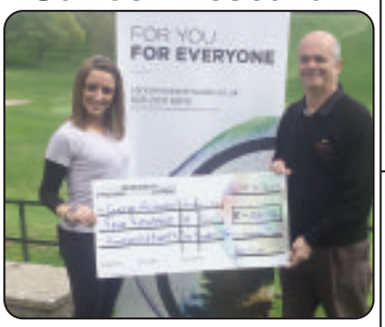
**SIMON MISKIN**

*Some of last year's successful beginners!*

# Wenvoe Castle donates to Cancer Research




*Paul Coombs, captain of Wenvoe Castle Golf Club, presenting a cheque to Rachel Marsh of Cancer Research Wales.*

**EACH year the captain of the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club nominates a charity of his choice and raises funds through a variety of events throughout the year.**

This year, a magnificent total of £4,686.51 was raised and in presenting the cheque Paul thanked all members and visitors who had contributed through his charity day, and the various functions and raffles throughout the year.

Rachel Marsh on behalf of the charity said the amount raised in the past year at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club was outstanding, and Cancer Research Wales appreciated the time and effort taken by all those involved.

**BARRIE JONES**

# The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

**IT was the second cup final of the season as Division One's Supporters Cup took centre stage on a fine Sunday afternoon.**

It was Barry Athletic B who claimed the cup 3-1 against SP Billy at Jenner Park with captain Spencer Price from the spot, Dan Morgan and Ben Graham bagging the goals that saw Athletic B lift the cup with a late consolation goal from SP Billy in last few minutes.

Athletic B will be looking to seal a league and cup double now if they can win their last remaining league fixture.

A day earlier in league action, after clinching the league title last weekend, Vale United's bid for a perfect season was ended as Rhoose inflicted their first league defeat of the season. League runners-up Rhoose secured a 2-0 win over the champions.

Elsewhere, St Athan notched a 3-1 win over Tynewydd bouncing back from a 5-4 midweek defeat to Penarth Town, while bottom side Masons Moving Group shocked Penarth with 2-1 victory, Masons signing off with a deserved win after a long hard season.

In Division One Barry Belgrade ensured the title race goes to the final game as they were victorious over Pumas 4-1 to move two points behind leaders Barry Athletic B. Cardiff Airport B thumped Cogan 3-0 while Dockers triumphed by the same scoreline against Cadoxton Barry.

The Division Two title race took more twists and turns as leaders Cadoxton Imps and second place Barry Saints played out a 1-1 draw, but third place Penarth B were unable to take advantage as they lost 1-0 at home to Rhoose B.

Rhoose B have now completed their fixtures with a fantastic turnaround after languishing at the foot of the table early season, they have only lost one in their last nine, winning seven to secure a comfortable mid-table finish. Barry Albion got their first win in five with a 4-1 victory over St Athan B.

This week it's the ASRS Cup final with Vale United chasing a second part of a treble as they play Cowbridge Town at Jenner Park on Sunday.

The Division One title could well be decided if Barry Belgrade fail to win against Dockers. In Division Two it's heating up with several midweek fixtures and then a title-deciding weekend with Cadoxton Imps hoping to hold off the challenge of Barry Saints and Penarth B. **HD**

## GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

### (PARK ROAD (RHAN) A HARBOUR ROAD (RHAN)) Y BARRI (CAU FFYRDD) (DROS DRO) 2017

1. Ar 27 Ebril 2017, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod:

2. Enw'r Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Park Road (Rhan) a Harbour Road (Rhan) Y Barri (Dros Dro)" 2017.

**ATODLEN 1**

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

**ATODLEN 2**

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| **Lleoliad** | Bydd **Park Road**, y Barri ar gau o'r gyffordd â St Nicholas Road a Park Crescent am 20m tua'r gorllewin. |
| **Llwybr Arall** | Bydd gwyriadau lleol ag arwyddion ar gyfer traffig sy'n teithio tua'r dwyrain ar waith ar hyd y rhan o Park Road, Romilly Park Road a St Nicholas Road sydd dal ar agor pan fo'r hysbysiad hwn ar waith.<br>Bydd gwyriadau lleol ag arwyddion ar gyfer traffig sy'n teithio tua'r gorllewin ar hyd St Nicholas Road, Park Avenue, rhan "un ffordd" Harbour Road, hyd at The Ship Hotel, rhan "un ffordd" St Nicholas Road, Romilly Park Road, a'r rhan o Park Road sydd dal ar agor pan fo'r hysbysiad hwn ar waith. |
| **Lleoliad** | Bydd **Harbour Road, y Barr**i ar gau o'r gyffordd â St Nicholas Road a Park Crescent am 15m tua'r dwyrain. |
| **Llwybr Arall** | Bydd gwyriadau lleol ag arwyddion ar hyd y rhan o Harbour Road a Cannon Street sydd dal ar agor pan fo'r hysbysiad hwn ar waith |
| **Rheswm** | Galluogi gwaith adnewyddu'r Prif Bibelli Nwy. |
| **Hyd** | O 08.00 ddydd Llun 8 Mai 2017 am hyd at 18 mis er y disgwylir cwblhau'r gwaith erbyn 22 Mai 2017. |
| **DS:** | Sicrheir mynediad i gerddwyr bob amser. |

**Dyddiedig 27 Ebrill 2017.**

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

### (PARK ROAD (PART) AND HARBOUR ROAD (PART)) BARRY (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

1. On 27th April 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Park Road (Part) and Harbour Road (Part)) Barry (Temporary) Order" 2017.

**SCHEDULE 1**

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

**SCHEDULE 2**

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| **Location 1** | Park Road, Barry will be closed from its junction with St Nicholas Road and Park Crescent for a distance of 20m in a westerly direction. |
| **Alt Route** | Signed local diversions for eastbound traffic shall be in place via the remaining open section of Park Road, Romilly Park Road and St Nicholas Road during the time of the closure.<br>Signed local diversions for westbound traffic shall be in place via St Nicholas Road, Park Avenue, the "one way" section of Harbour Road, as far as The Ship Hotel, the "one way" section of St Nicholas Road, Romilly Park Road, and the remaining open section of Park Road during the time of the closure. |
| **Location 2** | Harbour Road, Barry will be closed from its junction with St Nicholas Road and Park Crescent for a distance of 15m in an easterly direction. |
| **Alt Route** | Signed local diversions via the remaining open section of Harbour Road and Cannon Street shall be in place during the time of the closure. |
| **Reason** | To allow Gas Main refurbishment works to take place. |
| **Duration** | From 08.00Hrs on Monday 8th May 2017 for a maximum period of 18 months although the works are anticipated to be completed by 22nd May 2017 |
| **NB:** | Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. |

**Dated this 27th day of April 2017.**

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

## GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

### (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) (Y RHODFA (RHAN) GLANNAU'R BARRI) 2017

1. Ar 27 Ebril 2017, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod:

2. Enw'r Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn (Cau Ffordd) (Dros Dro) (Y Rhodfa (Rhan) Glannau'r Barri Cyngor Bro Morgannwg " 2017.

**ATODLEN 1**

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

**ATODLEN 2**

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| **Lleoliad** | Cau **Y Rhodfa**, Glannau'r Barri o'r ffordd bengaead fwyaf gorllewinol sef cyfeirnod grid 311552 167553 i gyfeiriad y dwyrain at y gyffordd, sef cyfeiriad grid 311693 167569, i'r gorllewin o'r eiddo a adnabyddir fel Thornley House. Pellter o tua 145m. |
| **Rheswm** | I alluogi gwneud gwaith adeiladu'n ddiogel wrth ymyl y briffordd. |
| **Hyd** | O 08.00 am ar 2 ddydd Mai 2017 am ddim mwy na 18 mis |
| **Llwybr Arall** | Gan mai ffordd bengaead yw hon ni ellir cynnig dargyfeiriad. |
| **DS:** | Sicrheir mynediad i gerddwyr bob amser ar hyd y droedffordd ddeheuol. |

**Dyddiedig 27 Ebrill 2017.**

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

### (Y RHODFA (PART) BARRY WATERFRONT (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

1. On 27th April 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Y Rhodfa(Part) Barry Waterfront (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2017.

**SCHEDULE 1**

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

**SCHEDULE 2**

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| **Location** | Y Rhodfa, Barry Waterfront closed from its westernmost cul-de-sac end at grid 311552 167553 in an easterly direction to the junction at grid 311693 167569 to the west of a property known as Thornley House. A distance of approximately 145m. |
| **Reason** | To allow for building work to safely take place adjacent to the highway. |
| **Duration** | From 08.00Hrs on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 for a maximum period of 18 months |
| **Alt. Route** | As this road is a cul-de-sac no diversion can be provided. |
| **NB:** | Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times along the southern footway. |

**Dated this 27th day of April 2017.**

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

# Barry's war dead April 1917 - Lest We Forget

by PAUL KEMP

**RIFLEMAN Frank Rosser of the 2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade died of wounds on April 7, 1917 at the beginning of the Arras offensive and is buried in Bray Cemetery, France.**

Aged 21, he was the son of the late Charles F Rosser and Mrs M Walsh, of the Clarence Restaurant, 68, Holton-road, Barry Docks.

Mrs Walsh was officially notified that her son, who joined up soon after the commencement of hostilities, and was wounded before he attained his 19th birthday, had been killed. He was formerly employed by his uncle, Mr AJ Hopkins, Bassett Hotel, Barry Docks, and was well-known in the district.

Lieutenant Hugh Howells of 65 Squadron, the Royal Flying Corps died on April 10, 1917 in an accident while test-flying a new aeroplane.

Aged 26, he was born in Bedlinog, the son of Rowland and Mary J Howells and husband of Margaret Howells of Hill Crest, Friars Road, Barry. He was buried in Graig Congregational Chapel yard, and is also commemorated on the screen wall at Cardiff Western Cemetery

Private Edward John Jenkins of the 24th (Denbighshire Yeomanry) Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers was reported missing, presumed drowned at sea while on the HM Troopship *Arcadian* which was torpedoed and sunk on April 15, 1917, 41.5 km north east from the island of Milo (Melos) while carrying troops to Alexandria, Egypt.

Aged 38 he was the only son of John and Mary Jenkins, 6 Woodland Road, Barry Docks. He was employed as a coal trimmer, and was also a member of the Tabernacle Welsh Congregational Church, Barry Docks. Having no known grave, he is commemorated on the Mikra Memorial, Greece.

## SUBMARINE ATTACK

Third Engineer William Reginald Harries of the SS *Emma*, Merchant Navy (MN) was killed on April 20, 1917 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 22, he was the son of Mrs Jane Harries of 2 Seaview Terrace, Cadoxton.

On April 20 the *Emma* on a voyage from Baltimore and Fayal to Clyde with a cargo of maize was sunk by the German submarine U-50 (Gerhard Berger), 200 miles SWxS of Fastnet. Two persons were lost.

Engineer's steward Arthur Price Hughes, of the SS *Kariba*, MN died of exposure on April 21, 1917 following an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 17, he was the son of Arthur William and Annie Hughes, of 1 Morlais Street, Cadoxton, Barry.

On April 13, 1917 the *Kariba*, on a voyage from Java and Dakar to Falmouth with a cargo of sugar was sunk by the German submarine UC-27 (Gerhard Schulz), 260 miles WNW from Ushant.

The starboard lifeboat was smashed by the explosion but two boats got away, one of which containing 10 men was picked up after having been 12 days adrift.

The other boat was also picked up. The number killed or dead from exposure was 13.

Bombing Sgt Leonard Harvey Greening of the 7th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry was killed in action on April 22, 1917. He is buried in Duisans Cemetery Etrun, France.

Aged 22, he was the foster son of Mrs Caroline Boss of 46 Jewel Street, Barry Dock, and had previously served in the Merchant Navy before leaving to enlist in the army at the outbreak of war.

Sergeant Thomas Edward Penny of the 13th Battalion Kings Royal Rifle Corps was killed in action on April 23, 1917. He was the son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Penny of 178 Woodlands Road, Barry. Before enlisting he had worked as a coal trimmer and played football for Pyke Street Old Boys.

He has no known grave and thus is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France.

Sergeant Albert H Spear of the 7th Battalion Royal Fusiliers was killed in action on April 23, 1917. Aged 23, he was the husband of Maggie M Spear of 45 Vere Street, Cadoxton, Barry and formerly worked for M Monk, Butchers at High Street.

He has no known grave and thus is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France.

Second Lieutenant Arthur Phillips of the 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers (RWF) was killed in action on April 23, 1917. Aged 33 he was the son of Arthur and Margaret Phillips of 18 Acland Road, Bridgend.

Before joining up he was assistant master at Romilly Road School and was a keen playing member of the Barry Cricket Club and Bowling Club. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France.

Private William James Kirby of the 17th Battalion Welsh Regiment was killed action on April 24, 1917. Aged 35, he was the son of James Kirby of Stoford, Yeovil, Somerset; and husband of Henrietta Kirby of 3 Wynd Street, Cadoxton, Barry.

He was employed by the Roath Furnishing Company, Barry Dock. He was buried at Fifteen Ravine British Cemetery, Villers-Plouich, France. The battalion war diary records that on Tuesday, April 24 it had taken part in a major attack in which the whole of the objective situated on high ground overlooking the Hindenburg Line and its strong points, were gained. Casualties for the day were one officer killed and three wounded; 27 other ranks killed and 58 wounded.

Lance Corporal Sidney Stuart Jenkins, 1st Battalion Honourable Artillery Company, was wounded on April 23 and died of wounds on April 28 in the Liverpool Merchants' Hospital, Etaples.

He was buried nearby in Etaples Military Cemetery, France. Aged 25, he was the son of James Arthur and Annie Agnes Jenkins of 282 Holton Road. Barry, late classics master at Friends' School, Saffron Walden, Essex.

## 'CARDIFF PALS'

He was educated at the Barry County School, was a winner of the John Cory Scholarship, then progressed to Cardiff University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts. In August 1915 he joined the Honourable Artillery Company before being posted to France in December 1915.

Sergeant Albert Tinton of the 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers was killed in action on April 23, 1917 and is buried in Wancourt Cemetery, France. He was born in Barry, the son of John Tinton, Pump House Gravels, near Minsterley, Shropshire. The Battalion war diary records that on April 23 and 24 the Fusiliers in support of the Suffolks attacked along the Hindenburg support line.

Casualties to the RWF in this action were five officers and 30 other ranks killed; nine officers and 70 other ranks wounded.

Fireman John Sidney Simmonds of the SS *Rio Lages*, Merchant Navy was killed on April 26 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 26, he was the son of David Simmonds and the late Mrs Simmonds; husband of Alice Emily Simmonds of 35 Bassett Street, Barry.

On April 26 the the *Rio Lages* was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine U-69 when 155 miles NWxW of the Fastnet when on route from Cienfuegos for Queenstown with a cargo of sugar.

Private Arthur Kerman of the 11th Battalion Welsh Regiment 'The Cardiff Pals' was killed in action in Salonika on April 28.

Aged19, he was the son of Mr and Mrs Walter Kerman, of The Horse Shoe Inn, St Athan.

At one time a student at the Barry County School, he was employed as an apprentice engineer at the Channel Dry Dock, Barry. He is buried in Karasouli Military Cemetery, Greece.

Lieutenant David Evan Davies, 12th Squadron Royal Flying Corps (RFC) was killed in action on April 29 while flying B.E.2e 2738 with his observer Lieutenant GH Rathbone.

Along with another B.E.2e crew they took off from their airfield at Avesnes-le-Comte at 1645hrs on April 29 to carry out artillery observation sorties.

These two British aircraft were unlucky enough to encounter the formidable 'Red Baron' – Baron Manfred von Richthofen and his brother Lothar; Davies and Rathbone becoming von Richthofen's 51st victory.

Von Richthofen's combat report read: 'At 1925hrs, near Rouex, this side of the lines. Together with my brother, we each of us attacked an artillery flyer at low altitude. After a short fight my adversary's plane lost its wings. When hitting the ground near the trenches near Rouex, the plane caught fire.'

Davies was born in 1892, the son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Davies of 175 Crogan Hill, Cadoxton, Barry. 'Dan' Davies was educated at Barry County School and Cardiff University College.

A brilliant scholar, he graduated Master of Science at Cardiff before taking up a government post which took him to the West Indies. Returning home when the war started, he enlisted as a private in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and served in France for a year before he was recommended for a commission in the RFC. After pilot training, Davies was sent to join 12 Squadron at Avesnes-le-Comte in France.

Davies and Rathbone's bodies were never located, so as they had no known grave they were both commemorated on the Arras Flying Services 'Memorial to the Missing', France.

Private Walter Arthur Cadogan was killed in action on April 30, 1917 while serving with the 4th Battalion South Wales Borderers in the attack on Shatt al Adhaim – 'the Boot' – in Mesopotamia.

On that day the battalion suffered over 200 casualties. Walter had been born in Barry in 1893 and was the second son of Margaret and Edward Cadogan of 38 Lionel Road, Cardiff. His younger brother Egbert, who was born when the family were later living in Cardiff, was also killed later in 1917.

Steward Walter S Farrant of the SS *Horsa*, MN, drowned on April 30 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 17, he was the son of Samuel and Sarah Farrant of 20 Sydenham Street, Barry.

On April 30, the *Horsa* on a voyage from Port Briera to Cardiff with a cargo of iron ore was sunk by the German submarine U-93 (Edgar von Spiegel von und zu Peckelsheim), 195 miles SWxW of Fastnet. Eleven persons were lost.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;*

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# Welsh builders bullish despite spike in costs, SAYS FMB CYMRU

**WELSH construction small and medium enterprises (SMEs) fought off concerns over rising costs to enjoy a buoyant start to 2017, the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) Cymru has said.**

Key results from the FMB's State of Trade Survey for Q1 2017, which is the largest quarterly assessment of the UK-wide SME construction sector, include: Workloads for Welsh construction SMEs grew at their fastest rate for three years; one in two construction SMEs predict rising workloads in the coming months, with just five per cent predicting a decrease in activity; 85 per cent of builders believe that material prices will rise in the next three months; 58 per cent of firms are struggling to hire carpenters, the highest reported level since the financial crisis.

Ifan Glyn, director of FMB Cymru, said: "The first three months of 2017 have undoubtedly been very positive for Welsh construction SMEs. On all of the key measures of growth – workloads, enquiries, employment and expectations – firms have reported good news, continuing an upwards trajectory for builders in Wales.

"Strong demand from consumers for home improvement work seems to be driving this encouraging trend and given that one in two builders are predicting that their workloads will increase in the coming three months, the message from builders seems to be clear – there's no Brexit effect as yet."

He continued: "However, it's not all good news as Welsh builders are concerned about rising costs and the impact this could have on their businesses in the medium term. Material prices, and in particular the cost of imported materials, have risen markedly over the past three months and nearly nine in ten builders are predicting further rises in the second quarter of this year.

"With two thirds also predicting that wages will continue to rise in the coming months, these inflationary pressures are bound to start filtering through and consumers and clients may well see this reflected in the quotes they receive for building work."

"Welsh SME construction firms will therefore be hoping that consumer confidence remains resilient, as the wider political situation looks distinctly uncertain. The Welsh economy is particularly vulnerable to any negative fallout from Brexit due to the high levels of EU funding it receives, and now that we have the added complications of the snap UK General Election, builders will be particularly sensitive to any fluctuations in consumer confidence.

"If the private domestic market does weaken, it's all the more important that we have a clear strategy from the Welsh Government on how to pick up the slack. That will mean Westminster working closely with the Welsh Government on delivering a Brexit plan that takes account of the needs of Welsh businesses, including the construction industry."

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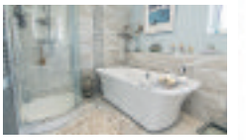

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# Centurions in good pre-season form

**SULLY Centurions Cricket Club followed a first week's pre-season friendly victory by producing three more winning scores over the following two weekends.**

On Sunday, April 16, Centurions hosted neighbours Barry Wanderers, who played their part in a high scoring match on a cold day at Burnham Avenue.

Batting first, Centurions lost the early wicket of Dave Goodway, but this brought together Santosh Singh and Rhett Jones and they made the most of the good Sully wicket by dispatching the ball to all corners as the runs piled up.

Rhett hit 16 fours in his 103 and Santosh got 13 fours and 3 sixes in his innings of exactly 100 before both retired unbeaten. Craig Brock scored freely before being bowled for 55.

Contributions from Josh Bryan (11) Ricky Griffett (26 not out) and Sandeep Shokeen, who finished on 10 not out meant that the total was an impressive 311 for 3 after the allotted 40 overs.

With a huge total to try to overhaul, the Wanderer's innings got off to a slow start, but in spite of the magnitude of the task, they gave it a go, with 67 for Hendry and 43 for Ram being the stand out scores in a total of 259 for 5.

For Sully, Josh Bryan took 2 for 36, with one wicket each for Gethin Hicks, Luke Canter and Ricky Griffett.

*Sully Centurions 311/3, Barry Wanderers 259/5.*

**Saturday saw the visit of Pontymister & Cross Keys, which produced another victory, but this time it was a lot closer.**

In-form batsman Rhett Jones almost singlehandedly turned this game around, with a magnificent innings, as Centurions chased down a score of 267 to win in the last over.

Pontymister & Crosskeys batted first and after Bharat had removed opener Hobbs for 14, M Baker and J Baker came together to put on 100 for the second wicket.

Then another 50 stand between J Baker and Turner kept the momentum going, before Davey was out for a duck.

This was followed by another half century partnership between the free scoring Baker and Price. Baker's fine innings came to an end when he was fortuitously run out by Goodway for a score of 158.

The innings closed on 267 for 6. Bharat was the main wicket taker with 3 for 45.

The Centurions' innings got off to the worst possible start and by only the 10th over were already five wickets down for just 18 runs and it looked like the game was heading for an early finish.

But Rhett Jones had other ideas and began finding the gaps in the field, with plenty of boundaries as he got into his stride.

With support from skipper Jake Griffett (45) and Gethin Hicks (25) Rhett steered Centurions to what was an incredible victory, ending on 160 not out in the total of 270 for 8.

*Sully Centurions 160/8, Pontymister & Crosskeys 267/6.*

**On Sunday the visitors were Creigiau, who won the toss and batted first on a sunny afternoon at Sully.**

The Centurions bowlers were soon able to make inroads, with wickets falling at regular intervals.

Opener Solanki (36) and Thorpe, who ended with 28, were the only batsmen who were able to stick around any length of time, as Creigiau slipped to 136 all out.

The wickets were shared around, but the best figures came from Sandeep Shokeen who skittled the tail with three wickets for just four runs.

After tea, following the early wicket of Patrick Lane for 5, that man Rhett Jones added to his already impressive early season tally with another top score, this time an unbeaten 50, before retiring.

The other batsmen took up where he left off. Ben Spear (33) Ricky Griffett (26 not out) and Sandeep (22 not out) saw Sully home in the 22nd over. Rhett has now scored 354 runs in four pre-season matches, only being out on one occasion!

*Sully Centurions 139/2, Creigiau 136 all out.*

On the final weekend of pre-season friendlies, this Saturday Centurions entertain Mountain Ash at Burnham Avenue, with another fixture on Sunday yet to be finalised - once again can all players let either Dave Sylvester or Jake Griffett know of their availability? **MF**

# RAINBOW GOLFERS ENJOY TOUR!

**ST. Mary's Golf Club's senior 'Rainbow' golfers enjoyed their three-day annual pilgrimage to west Wales, excellently organised by Joe Davis.**

The 'Rainbows' played at Trefloyne, Cardigan and Haverfordwest with their base being the Cliff Hotel, Gwbert where they are seen posing in their brightly coloured team colours and later enjoyed an evening meal overlooking the sea.

The golfers thank Joe for ordering fabulous weather, for which everyone was most grateful after a stormy time last year! **CT**

# JOY FOR LLANTWIT AND DINAS (AND DESPAIR FOR COWBRIDGE) AS CUP SEMI-FINALS ARE PLAYED

**LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC will meet Dinas Powys in the Worthington East District Cup final at Cardiff Met's Cyncoed ground on Tuesday, May 2.**

The semi-finals saw an amazing match at Hailey Park, Llandaff North as Taffs Well took the lead after 40 seconds against underdogs Llantwit Major, but the latter hit back sensationally and ran in three tries for a 19-7 lead.

The half-time score was 29-16, and Taffs Well conceded another try but then came back from 16-34 down to lead 35-34, but Llantwit roared back and were in front again at 44-35.

The scoring wasn't finished as Taffs Well closed the difference down to two points at 44-42, but Llantwit then scored a ninth and final try to win the game 51-42.

It was hard to pick anyone out, but the pace of Rory Budina at full back was devastating and fly half Josh Austin and full back Luke Dawes scored superb tries.

In the other semi-final it was a quieter affair on the next pitch as Dinas Powys led Cowbridge by two Ben White penalties at the interval.

White added a third after the break then Dinas, cup winners in 2015, opened up and scored four tries to lead 33-0 before Cowbridge grabbed a consolation try, the final score 33-7.

Dinas Powys are currently top of Division 2 East Central, while Llantwit Major are third in Division 3 East Central B.

Dinas Powys are probably favourites to regain the cup, but if Llantwit Major produce the same magic as they did in the semi-final, it will a tremendous final to watch.

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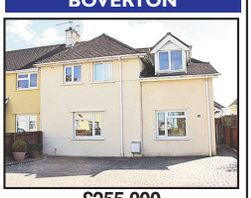

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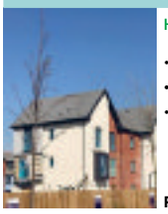

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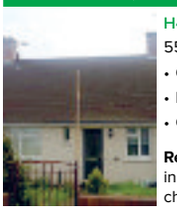

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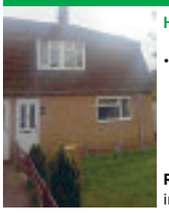

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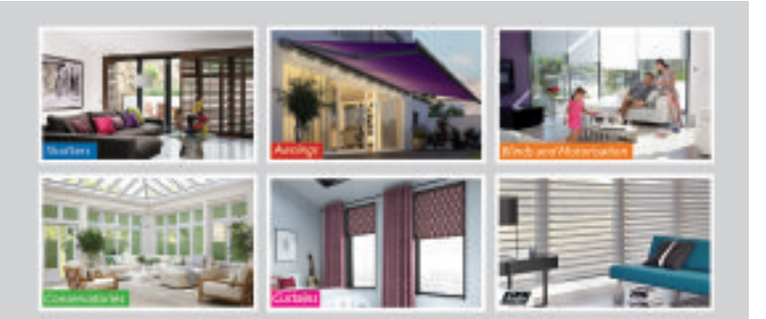

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***Joyce will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.***

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# MANSBRIDGE
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# MAY
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# PHILLIPS
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***She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.***

Mags is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, May 2nd at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family and close friends floral tributes only please. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Mags' online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories.

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***David will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.***

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# FAIRFAX
## John Alan

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEDICATION AGREEMENT**
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**
**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**
**(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 8 MONKNASH)**
**PUBLIC PATH CREATION & DEDICATION AGREEMENT 2017**

1. The above named Agreement completed on 27 March 2017 has the effect of creating a public footpath by agreement with the landowner.
2. The effect of the Agreement is to create a public footpath following a section of coastline to the west of Cwm Nash.

   Public Footpath No 8, Monknash commences at its junction with Public Footpath No 4 Monknash and proceeds north-westwards parallel to the coastline to terminate on the parish boundary at its junction with Public Footpath No 18 Wick.
3. A copy of the Agreement may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry CF63 4RT from 9.00am to 4.00pm on any weekday. Copies of the Agreement may be bought there at £4.50.
4. The Agreement comes into operation with immediate effect.

**Dated 27 April 2017**
**Head of Regeneration and Planning, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry CF63 4RT**

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**(LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 8 MONKNASH)**
**HYSBYSIAD O GREU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS A CHYTUNDEB NEILLTUO 2017**

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2. Bydd y Cytundeb yn creu llwybr cyhoeddus yn cilyn adran o ffetin i'r gorllewin o Cwm Nash.

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3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Cytundeb am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Iaffordd, Y Barri, CF63 4RT o 9.00am i 4.00pm ar unrhyw ddiwrnod yn ystod yr wythnos. Gellir prynu copïau o'r Cytundeb yno am £4.50.
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# CHARITY FOOTBALL TO BOOST VELINDRE

***ON Friday, March 17 at the Cardiff City House of Sports Stadium, SMK Building & Maintenance & JS Bowsher Construction held a charity football match, with the proceeds going to Velindre Hospital.***

# The Barry and District League tables and results

**CRIB DIVISION 1**
**WEST End 6, Cadoxton Cons 9; Rhoose Social 8, Liberals 7; Moors Boys 6, West End Runaways 9.**
**League Table Points**: Rhoose Social 188, Liberals 184, Moors Boys 170, Wyndham Cons162, West End Runaways 160, Cadoxton Cons 154, West End 152.

**SKITTLES DIVISION 1**
Sea View B 5, Cambrian Flyers 2; Allsorts 6, Rhoose Social B 1; Slammers 5½, Rhoose Social A 1½; Liberals C 5, West End C 2; West End D 5, Liberals A 2.
**League Table Points**: West End C 109.0, West End D 100.0, Sea View B 98.0, Allsorts 93.0, King William XII 91.0, Rhoosters 83.0, Rugby Club 79.5, Slammers 78.0, Barries Boys 74.5, Rhoose Social C 74.5, Rhoose Social B 73.5, Liberals C 72.5, Cambrian Flyers 65.0, Rhoose Social A 63.5, Liberals A 56.0.

**SNOOKER DIVISION 1**
Wyndham Cons A 1, Cadoxton Cons Z 4; Penarth Cons A 2, Cadoxton Cons B 3; Savoy A 5, Penarth Cons B 0; Rhoose Social B 4, Services Social B 1; West End C 2, Harbour B 3.
**League Table Points:** Savoy A 101, Harbour B 100, Cadoxton Cons Z 77, Wyndham Cons A 64, West End C 62, Cadoxton Cons B 62, Rhoose Social B 55, Penarth Cons A 53, Penarth Cons B 42, Services Social B 40, Rhoose Social C 39.

**SNOOKER DIVISION 2**
Harbour A 3, Savoy B 2; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Liberators 1; Wyndham Cons C 3, West End A 2; West End B 2, Market Street C 3; Wyndham Cons D 3, Sully Sports A 2.
**League Table Points:** Savoy B 80, Liberators 77, Wyndham Cons C 72, Market Street B 72, Cadoxton Cons A 68, Harbour A 66, Market Street C 63, West End B 56, Sully Sports A 48, Wyndham Cons D 47, West End A 46.
** = points deducted.*
*All league & cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - 'Barry leagues'.*

**JW**

# Athletic lose against Ynysygerwen

**ON Sunday, Barry Athletic Cricket Club entertained Ynysygerwen at Barry Island, won the toss and put the visitors in.**

Ynysygerwen scored 208 for 4 in their 40 overs with McCormack on 75, Ace 61 retired and Curtis 50, with Zeeshan taking 3 for 19 for the bowling side.

In reply, Barry lost three quick wickets before the Provis brothers, Mike and Steve, came together and added 86 with some fine and cultured strokes, with Steve scoring 70 from 71 balls, and his 50 from 48 balls, and Mike 54 for 53 balls, and his 50 from 50 balls.

After they were both out, wickets began to fall at regular intervals with Lloyd Bruce ending with 17 not out including 4 fours as Barry were bowled out for 185.

*This Saturday Barry entertain Blackwood at the Island.*

**MR**

# Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

**THE latest results for Barry and District Ladies Skittles League for week commencing April 3 are as follows:**

First division: SV Gals (T Warner 30) 299, Coppers (J Ward, J Williams 32) 285; Pila Palas (L Bromwich 36) 331, Colcot Ladies (D Mansbridge, K Taylor, A Singleton 27) 285; Family and Friends (J Kirby 25) 232, Allsorts (C Newell 29) 235; Baker's Dozen (E Baker, M Western 30) 304, Cigar Ladies (Aimee McCortly 31) 269; Red Admiral (S Hayes 27) 249, Bobby's Girls (S Sugden 28) 233; Space Finders (D Cleaver 34) 352, Family Affair (J Walden 31) 288; Special Angels (L Mountford 27) 242, Barry Stars (N Jones 29) 272.

Second division: Castle Bandits (S King, C Kerslake 24) 215, Rhoose Starlights (L Davies 26) 245; Roller Coasters (M Burgess, C Thomas, T Saunders 21) 215, Airways Angels (M Carpenter 24) 217; Cad Con Fillies (A Beattie 24) 215, S V Lights (M Briscombe 33) 300; Breakaways (C Parfitt, Vicky Martin, N Smith 29) 304, Castaways (J Byrne 31) 294; Clickies (A Batt 34) 297, Fallen Angels (S Jones 32) 298; Witchill Weebies (J Byrne 32) 327, Witchill Widows (T Tozer 33) 316.

Third division: Little Devils (S Jones, P Weston 24) 222, Uptown Girls (A Hobbs 28) 266; Rebels (D Bull 27) 236, Twilights (A Campbell 26) 267; Rugby Triers (N Ray 23) 203, Etcetera (P Riddick 27) 252; Hill Billies (G Moorcraft 34) 321, Dolly Mixtures (L Marsh 33) 294; La Belles (N Cordy 33) 315, Witches (P Cookson 30) 258; Westenders (T Stait 25) 237, Challengers (P Richards 28) 252.

Fourth division: Nite Outers (L Newman 25) 223, Boozy Birds (S Roderick 24) 176; Off The Rails (L McCormack, L Stephenson 26) 243, Odd Bods (T Perry 26) 187; Persuaders (D Matthews, E Gardner 24) 212, Hell Raisers (M Davies 27) 238; Liberals (G Shire 26) 228, Witchill Wanderers (C Nicholson 25) 175; Living On A Spare (S Farmer, J Harvey 32) 328, Aristocats (M Rogers 36) 292.

**MC**

# Dinas face Lee Trundle's Llanelli

**DINAS POWYS FC entertain high-flying Llanelli Town in their Welsh League Division Two tie at the Murch on Saturday, April 29.**

Llanelli, who are unbeaten in the league this season, include free-scoring ex-Swansea City star Lee Trundle in their squad.

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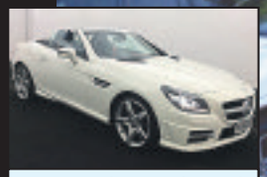

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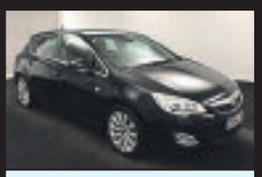

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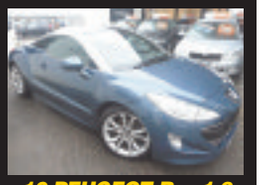

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# Bayside Garage celebrates 10th anniversary and Which? approval!

**BAYSIDE Garage Ltd of Cardiff Bay – of 22 Dumballs Road, Cardiff, CF10 5FE – can proudly call itself a Which? Trusted Trader, having recently passed a rigorous assessment that recognises reputable traders.**

Consumers in the Cardiff and Vale areas can have confidence when using Bayside Garage due to its Which? Trusted Trader endorsement.

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Business owner Andrew Littlejohn said: "Raj Kakar-Clayton, Managing Director of Which? Trusted Traders, said that he was delighted to announce Bayside Garage as a Which? Trusted Trader."

Mr Kakar-Clayton reported: "Our service gives consumers the confidence to make the right choices when it comes to finding skilled professionals and were pleased to be able to give traders the chance to distinguish themselves from their peers. This scheme is a valuable resource for consumers."

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Bayside Garage, which can collect and deliver vehicles to and from most areas in the Vale, provides an MOT service for diesel and petrol vehicles, as well as diagnostic tests for engine management systems, and tyres and shock absorbers. It also fixes and fits clutches, brakes and timing belts.

Mr Littlejohn thanked all of his customers that took part in the process to award the garage its Trusted Trader rating, and added: "I am very pleased after 10 years of trading that the feedback was so positive."

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# Ladies enjoy Easter Texas Scramble!

*Andrea Caines and Lyn Chamberlaine with Jeannette Williams*

*Lorraine Pointon-Bell and Margaret Thomas, competition secretary.*

**ON a pleasant spring morning, the Cottrell Park Ladies enjoyed an Easter 12-hole Texas Scramble won by Andrea Caines, Lyn Chamberlaine, Liz Overton and Jenny Lord with 42 points.**

Following an excellent lunch, Jeannette Williams, the Ladies' Captain, welcomed the return of several former members, thanked the catering staff, the committee members for their support and Angela Padfield for the table flowers.

She presented the prizes to the winners of the Easter competition. The winter league trophy was presented to Lorraine Pointon-Bell, who also won it last year.

The raffle with an Easter theme was organised by Alma Davies.

Lorraine gave a vote of thanks to Jeannette for organising a very good day, which everyone enjoyed.

**CB**

# Vale horse qualifies for series final

**AN eight-year-old brown gelding trained by Carlie Packwood in the Vale has qualified for the Subaru Restricted Point-To-Point Series Final at Stratford-on-Avon on June 9 after winning the restricted race at the South Pembrokeshire Steeplechases on Easter Monday.**

Mrs Carmen Goldsworthy's Minella Arts, ridden by Llanharan's Tom David, won by a neck from Gone Platinum after the pair had jumped the last fence side by side.

Minella Arts, who also won the best turned out award, was in a handy position throughout most of the race and a delighted Mrs Goldsworthy, who had won the same race the previous year with Captain Camelot, said: "We returned the trophy which we won last year to the secretary earlier today and now we have to take it back home again for another 12 months!"

A huge bank holiday crowd witnessed some exciting finishes and in the ladies' open race, Llancarfan's Isabel Williams, riding her mother's Buck Mulligan, was beaten just a neck by the Charlotte Evans-partnered Highly Unlikely.

The odds-on favourite Tony Star, partnered by Jodie Hughes, and who had jumped round the Grand National fences no trouble at all when finishing a creditable eighth at the recent Aintree meeting, was a surprise faller on the first circuit.

Two riders - Ben Jones and James Bowen - had doubles. Jones who was landing his first ever double was successful on Glenteenasaigh in the opening members race and Chasing Casey in the open maiden.

The former won by 12 lengths from the Tom David-partnered Lukes Hill and the latter got home by three parts of a length from Robin Des People ridden by Bradley Gibbs.

Jones' parents Dai and Emma Jones both rode winners between-the-flags. In fact Dai is something of a legend in hunt-racing circles, having ridden around 200 winners.

James Bowen, aged 16, won the men's open race on former Cheltenham winner Universal Soldier who, at 12 years old, was the oldest of the five runners. Steve Young's NorthGeorge ridden by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft finished eight lengths away in second place and the Glamorgan qualified ItchyMeI'MScratch was third under Tom David.

Bowen then won the Intermediate race on hunt racing stalwart Dewi Lewis' Tinkers Hill Tommy, who in an exciting finish won by a neck from Carry On Nando.

The Glamorgan-qualified Blazing Tom, ridden by Byron Moorcroft, was 20 lengths away in third place.

Bridgend's Connor Brace, aged 15, riding the 11-year-old prolific winner Peateaoch, beat Ivor's Portrait ridden by his great friend, 14-year-old Jack Tudor in the 148cms Pony Race, and in the 148cms Pony Race Cerys Carroll, aged 9, beat her sole rival Bobby Blue, ridden by Connie Cook, also aged nine.

**BRIAN LEE**

# New champions for the JSTKD!

**THE recent sunny weather inspired Team JSTKD to turn in some red-hot performances at the Welsh area Tae Kwon Do Championships over the weekend.**

*Alex Munn and Zak Grinter.*

The Vale-based Tae Kwon Do school welcomed two new champions in Alex Munn and Zak Grinter, both of whom were in impeccable form as they came away with the winner's trophy in the Boys Green Belt Sparring Middleweight and Lightweight events respectively.

Both boys faced some tough opposition but acted with great maturity to keep calm throughout many rounds, where they used not only great technical skills but great strategies too.

Medals were also arriving in abundance in the various other divisions, starting off with returning team member, Jessica Doogue.

She was initially feeling a bit apprehensive but that all went out of the window the minute she stepped onto the mat!

She put in a top rate performance in the Girls Blue Belt Peewee division to reach the final, where she took a well-deserved silver.

Big sister Emily was busy in the Girls Black Belt division where she turned in a very commendable performance in her first competitive match since gaining her belt.

Black Belts Rhys Doel (middleweight) and Josh Edwards (lightweight) were on form in the sparring and added a bronze and silver to the team haul with Josh going on later in the day to also add a bronze in the tag team event.

Also in the Boys Black Belt events, younger brother Sean Edwards sparred well in the Peewee division but missed the out on the medals this time and it was a similar story over in the colour belts for Rhys' younger sister Seren who made a very welcome return to the team.

Seren was taking part in the Girls Blue Belt Peewee Sparring and although delivering a fiery performance was just edged out of the competition.

Joe Grinter also put in a spirited performance in the Boys Yellow Belt Tiny Tots Sparring but this time didn't quite make it to the medals.

Also in the yellow belt events were newcomers Mitchell Hughes and Tess Hawkins, both of whom made a great effort in their first tournament.

The team are now gearing up for the Welsh Open Championships in May with their sights firmly set on accumulating even more trophies.

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**VW**

# On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

**LLANHARAN'S Evan David, who is having a cracking season, landed the TotePool Betting On UK Racing GrassRoots Hunter Chase at Stratford on Sunday on the Tim Vaughan owned and trained Always Archie, which won by 20 lengths from Bound For Glory partnered by Hannah Lewis.**

Always Archie, a 5-1 chance, wasn't the only winner for Vaughan on Sunday as at Wincanton one of his other stable lads, George Blackwell, won the Best Odds Guaranteed At 188 Bet Handicap Chase on Tim's The Mythologist which beat the favourite best Boy Barney by one-and-a quarter lengths.

At Wetherby, Strongly Suggested, which was bred by Pyle's David Brace and who is now trained by the legendary JonJo O'Neill, won the Sunday Car Boot fair Every Week Handicap under Aidan Coleman.

**CHRISTIAN SADDLES FIRST WINNER**

**Ogmore by Sea's Christian Williams - featured in these pages last week - saddled his first winner as a trainer when his four-year-old Juge Et Parti, running for the first time in public, won the British Thoroughbred Retraining Standing NH Flat Race over two miles and one furlong at Bangor on Saturday.**

Ridden by Charlie Deutch, the four-year-old grey gelding had 15 lengths to spare over Asking Questions and is owned by Ffos Las supremo Dai Walters.

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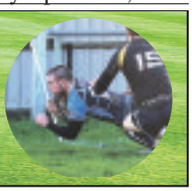

## *Bears show their power at tournament*

**COWBRIDGE Bears travelled to Waunarlwydd in the Swansea Valley hoping to complete their successes to date and end their season as minis with another tournament win.**

They certainly failed to disappoint reaching their 17th final since their under-9s season. In the pool games first up were the oyster catchers from Penclawdd. The Bears started sharply, running in four unanswered tries before a momentary lapse in defence let in Penclawdd.

However Cowbridge quickly regained their shape and powered through for the final try of the game to finish comfortable 5-1 winners, try scorers Owen Francis, Ned Rees, Osian Bruce, James Collingridge and Ioan Phillips.

Next up for the Bears were Tonna RFC. The patience of Cowbridge told, holding their defensive shape while attacking with probing runs.

The Bears finished comfortable 3-0 winners, with try scorers James Collingridge, Harry New and Ollie Stancombe.

Unfortunately, the Bears influential half-back James Collingride took an injury to his foot, which would see him miss the remaining games.

The strength in depth of the Bears squad told, with some positional changes to cover the loss of their outside half the boys delivered a scintillating game of rugby against Vadre RFC.

Again the balance of the power and industry of the Bears Pack matched with the pace of the back line told. Cowbrige quickly opened up with three unanswered tries, while Vadre fought back with their powerful pack taking a try.

It only seemed to spur the Bears on running in another un-answered five tries with the ball secured at the breakdown and then slipped along the back line, try scorers Harry New (3), Owen Francis (2), Osian Bruce (2) and Joe Davies.

The final pool game determined the ranking position and a place in the first place final or runner-up play-off. The tie was set to meet fellow unbeaten rivals South Gower.

A fiercely contested game commenced with Cowbridge succumbing to early pressure from the South Gower pack.

However, the resilience of the team was clear to see and they immediately answered with a try from powerful running out of the pack.

Sniffing they had the better of their opposition the Bears continued to apply pressure and four further tries came again through the combination of industrious work across defence and the free running game of the backs. Try scorers were Ioan Phillips, Harry New, Ollie Stancombe, Jake Davies (2).

So the stage was set for the Bears to enter their 17th final in three years against the winners of group A – Swansea Uplands.

Perhaps a little nervous, the Bears were under a two-minute period of sustained pressure from the kick-off that saw Uplands adopt a pick and go game through the pack taking them over the line.

True to form, this seemed to stir Cowbridge into action with their dogged defensive line securing the ball for a display of blistering pace and clever running lines from the backs which culminated in four unanswered tries for Cowbridge and securing their 16th tournament win!

A brace of tries each for Ollie Stancombe and Osian Bruce. Special mention goes to Sam Sheppard who couldn't travel due to illness on the day.

Another excellent season for the entire Cowbridge under-11s squad who continue to impress and have certainly left their mark as minis.

The team now transitions to junior rugby and a full 15-a-side game having a fantastic foundation to build from. Thank you to the coaches for the time, commitment and energy they bring to training and games every week and the team hopes a new 'lucky pair' of coaching pant can be found for next season!

**WTF**

# Cowbridge RFC's cup semi-final heartbreak

**LAST Wednesday night Cowbridge took on high- flying Dinas Powys from Division 2 in the semi-final of the East District Cup and put up a spirited performance, losing 33- 14.**

It was only 6-0 to Dinas at the break and against bigger opponents across the field the result was a great effort given that Dinas top Division Two East Central and are unbeaten this season. Good luck to them in the final.

With no game on Saturday, Cowbridge will have played St Albans at Tremorfa last night and the return leg is this Saturday, kick-off 2.30pm on the school field.

On May 13 we take on Wattstown at home in the last game of the season, and the game is followed by the European Champions Cup final at 4pm .

The youth are in action this Saturday taking on St Peters in the semi-final of the Cardiff and Vale Cup at Rumney RFC, again kick-off 2.30pm. All support would be very welcome.

Finally, family and friends of Tom Clarke will meet at the club on Sunday from about 3.30pm in memory of Tom, so missed by all who knew him.

If you were lucky enough to know him, then please come on down and join in a special afternoon.

**RV/RK**

# BEN'S JUDO SUCCESS!

**OVER the Easter break, Ben Moore (Year 7 at Cowbridge Comprehensive School) took part in the Sportif international judo tournament.**

This was a very well attended ranking event with Judoka representing countries from Canada, Portugal, Slovakia, Norway, Denmark, and Sweden and from all across the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Ben had a really tough group and narrowly lost his first fight by a single penalty.

However, he fought his way all the way through a difficult repechage to win a well-deserved bronze medal.

This was a great achievement and will stand him in good stead for his next event in Belgium in May which he is travelling to with the Welsh Judo squad.

*Well done Ben and good luck for May!*

## *Cowbridge Darts League*

**ON Tuesday, April 18 the league took an Easter break so no matches were played.**

*The league standings remain unchanged: Edmondes B (146 points), Six Bells Inn and Highwayman Inn (127), Llanharry (122), Edmondes C (109), Edmondes A (104), Hairy Farmers (96), Farmers Arms (93), Victoria Inn (89) and Red Lion (22).*

Next week (Tuesday, May 2) the ladies singles knockout competition will be played. The Edmondes Arms will host these matches.

Many teams are always on the look-out for new players, particularly for next season, and new teams are welcomed, so anyone wishing to join a team or start a team is strongly encouraged to get in touch by e-mail at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com.

Up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk. **PJT**

## Rider's success

**THE Vale's Jack Tudor, riding his *Hot Night*, won the pony race at the Tivyside Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Lydstep on Sunday beating *Humbel Mind* ridden by Edward Vaughan of Aberthin.**

Hannah Jones riding *Miss Popsy* finished third and only three ran.

In the Mixed Open race, the Llangeinor Hunt horse *High Hatton*, owned by Cowbridge's Jeff Bird and trained by Jonathan Tudor, was beaten four lengths by *Flying Eagle*. Llancarfan's Isabel Williams finished third on *Buck Mulligan*.

In the novice riders' race, Isabel riding *Hold Court* was beaten by *Sir du Bearn*, which gave James Bowen his third winner of the day having also won the conditions race on *Deadly Move*.

Ben Jones who took restricted on *Glenteeneasaigh* and the open maiden on *Robin des People*. Jody Hughes landed the non-rules maiden conditions race on *African Air*, which, like *Deadly Move* and *Sir du Bearn* is trained by James Bowen's older brother Michael Bowen.

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